

DIJON-LONGVIC

GP-100-SU-OP-S

25 April 1944

100TH BOMB GROUP (H) MISSION NUMBER 155.

Field Order Number: 209
Primary Target: Dijon/Longvic A/F.
Secondary Target: Rommilly-sur-Seine A/D & Air Park.
Last Resort: Any a/d in occupied territory not near a built up area.
Duty Officer: Capt. Johnson
Main Briefing: Capt. Terry
Gunnery: Lt. Bauman
Briefing at: 0245
E. T. R. 1300
Result: Completed, Primary.

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WELLES No. 1 RIGGLE

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DATE OF ATTACK 25 Apr

SHIP NO. 0562

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DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET Alvin Thompson

DATE OF ATTACK Aug. 94

PILOT'S NAME MAJOR

SHIP NO. 2090

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DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET

DATE OF ATTACK _____

PILOT'S NAME BETHEA

SHIP NO. _____

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100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

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AFG 559
25 April 1944

SUBJECT: Scotic Information, Operational Mission #155

TO : S-1, 100th Bomb Group, APO 559

1. The following pilots and their crews flew Operational Mission #155
25 April 1944:

PILOT	TARGET BOMBED	COORDINATES TURNED BACK	E/A OBSERVED
Lt. R. D. Horne	No	50 33 N 00 28 E	No
Lt. J. B. Noble	No	London	No
Lt. H. E. Bethoa	No	Target	"
Lt. J. A. Evans	Yes	"	"
Lt. J. S. Giles	"	"	"
Lt. W. L. Greiner	"	"	"
Lt. A. J. Harris	"	"	"
Lt. F. J. Herres	"	"	"
Lt. J. Hunter	"	"	"
Capt. R. Rosenthal	"	"	"
Lt. F. Kincannon	"	"	"
Lt. S. T. Major	"	"	"
Lt. F. J. Malcoly	"	"	"
Lt. J. W. McChaire	"	"	"
Lt. E. W. McKay	"	"	"
Lt. J. F. Massol	"	"	"
Lt. C. W. Mylius	"	"	"
Lt. G. W. Rake	"	"	"
Lt. J. J. Raring	"	"	"
Lt. D. C. Rice	"	"	"
Lt. D. E. Riggle	"	"	"
Lt. J. M. Shelly	"	"	"
Lt. L. L. Williamson	"	"	"
Lt. G. W. Woldt	"	"	"
Lt. R. W. Wright	"	"	"

MARVIN S. NORMAN
Capt., Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

DATE OF BIRTH

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THE END

TIME	PLACE	ALTITUDE	HEADING	DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING LEVEL ABOVE BELOW-CLOCK POSITION-UNUSUAL PHENOMEN A
1150	Near Chate	20, m	320°	To left - low - meager
1157				Thought to be on RR running parallel to coast between Deepice but nearer to strait - were shooting at lower group - tracking - 4 birds at a time - low to high Chaff worked at near chate - birds seen after we passed over -

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Creil A/D ————— 8 4 0
 Romilly A/D ————— 1 0 4 0
 Beaumont sur Oise and on ————— 1 0 4 6
 Creil A/D —————
 Beaumont ————— 1 1 1 6
~~Beaumont A/D~~ ————— 1 1 3 0
 Neufchâtel ————— 1 1 4 5
 St. Saen ————— 1 1 4 9 N
 Dieppe ————— 1 2 0 0 Dieppe

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET Dijon DATE OF ATTACK 25-4-44
 PILOT'S NAME MASSOL NAVIGATOR Bronitz A/C NO. 412
 1. The 100th A Group flew (high-lead-low) of the 13th () C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation.
 The 100th B Group flew (high-lead-low) " " " () " " " " "
 2. Altitude over Target -
 Lead A/C _____
 Highest " _____
 Lowest " 20900
 A Group _____
 B Group _____
 3. True Heading on Bomb Run 328°
 4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run 162
 5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing 90 sec. _____ sec.
 6. Time Bombs Away 10:02
 7. Turn from Target after Bombing to right
 8. True Course Away from Target 368°
 9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area: None

10. Visibility at Target: 5/10 low cumulus - no contrails

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
0838	5000-0415	150	256	
0859	4908-0245	110	230	
0935	4748-0528	182		
0953	4705-0525	318		±P
1002	Target			
10:06:30	4725-0506	002°		
1050	4843-0342	312	132	
1114	Paris	312	133	Low and light
1145	4932-0122	04°	96K	
1152	Neufchâtel			
1202	5000-0115			Enemy coast

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INTERROGATING OFFICER MBa

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET Defence A/D DATE OF ATTACK 4-25-44
 PILOT'S NAME MCKAY NAVIGATOR Young A/C NO. 941
 1. The 100th ~~A~~ Group flew (high-lead-low) of the 13th() C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation
 The 100th ~~B~~ Group flew (high-lead-low) " " " " " " " " " " " "
 2. Altitude over Target -
 Lead A/C _____
 Highest " 21,300
 Lowest " _____
 3. True Heading on Bomb Run 331
 4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run 132
 5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing 4 Min. sec. _____ sec.
 6. Time Bombs Away 1002 1/2
 7. Turn from Target after Bombing 45° to rt
 8. True Course Away from Target 50
 9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area: None

10. Visibility at Target: Scattered clouds - 5/10 visibility

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
0839	5000-0116	152	258	
0913	4941-0359	125	260	
0940	4732-0540	165	260	
0950	4703-0529	330	130	
1007	4726-0504	323	130	
1042	4940-0355	315	125	
1201	5002-0116	328	125	
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INTERROGATING OFFICER C. W. Lee

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET Dijon A/D DATE OF ATTACK 25-4-44

PILOT'S NAME KINCANNON NAVIGATOR Humanity A/C NO. 011

1. The 100th ~~Group~~ flew (high-lead-low) of the 13th() C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation
The 100th B Group flew (high-lead-low) " " " () " " " " "

2. Altitude over Target -

	A Group	B Group
Lead A/C	<u>81000</u>	
Highest "		
Lowest "		

3. True Heading on Bomb Run 326

4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run 125

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing 90 sec. 90 sec.

6. Time Bombs Away 1008

7. Turn from Target after Bombing 45° Turn Left

8. True Course Away from Target 100

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area: Slight Sling

10. Visibility at Target: _____

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
0838	5000-0116	100	239	
0909	4844-0400	117	260	
0935	4750-0540	120	220	
0943	4722-0554	164	225	
0950	4706-0529	180	156	
1003	4716-0505	326	125	
1006	4724-0507	330	157	
1046	4933-0704	318	115	
1202	5000-0116	353	128	
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INTERROGATING OFFICER

R. W. Terry

DATE OF ATTACK _____

SHIP NO. _____

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DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET *2000*

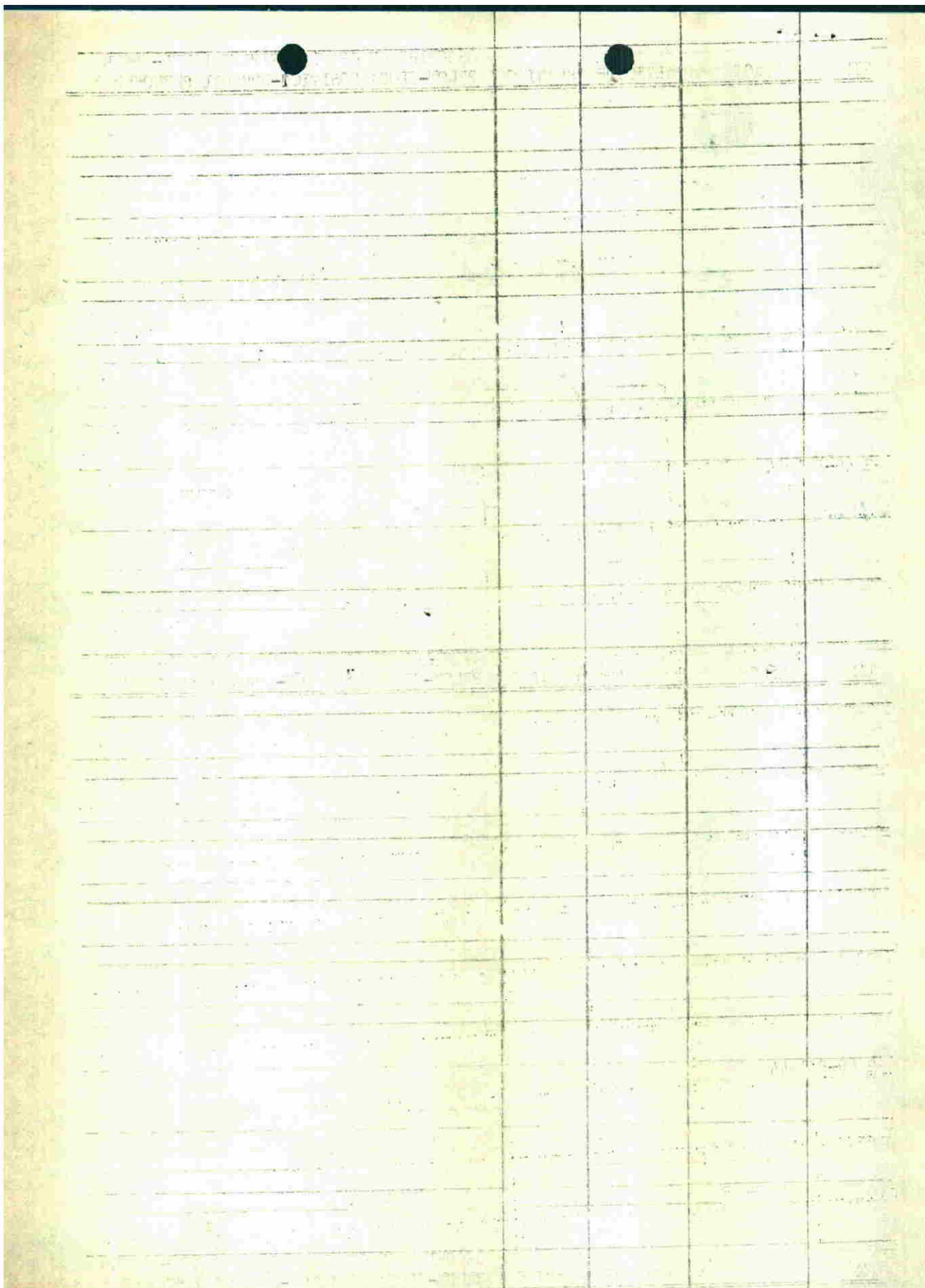
DATE OF ATTACK 22-4-44

PILOT'S NAME WILLIAMSON

SHIP NO. 621[illegible]

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TARGET

DATE OF ATTACK

PILOT'S NAME

SHIP NO.

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DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET Dijon 8/2

DATE OF ATTACK 25 Apr.

PILOT'S NAME MYLUS

SHIP NO. 018[illegible]

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FLAK REPORT

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TO: AA Officer, A-2 Section, Hq. 4th Bomb Wing, APO 634

FROM: 100th Bomb Gp Capt M. B. Amb
(Group) (Reporting Officer)

TARGET: Sigon A/F DATE OF ATTACK: 25 April 44

1. The 100th Group flew as (high, ~~low~~) of the 43 - C.W.
in the 3rd ~~A.T.F.~~ Bomb Division

Altitude of Lead A/C 21040

Altitude of High A/C 21³⁰⁰~~040~~

Altitude of Low A/C 20900

REMARKS:

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2. Actual route followed over enemy territory (giving names of towns if possible)

50°00'N 01°15'E to 49°08'N 02°45'E to 47°48'N 05°28'E to 47°05'N 05°25'E to Target to 47°25'N 05°06'E to 48°43'N 03°42'E to near Maisselles (N. edge of Paris) to 49°32'N 01°22'E to 50°00'N 01°15'E

3. Visibility at target. (Condensation, trails, clouds, etc.) 01°22'E to 5 mi. W. of Neufchâtel to 50°00'N 01°15'E
5/10 low clouds - Target open.
no contrails

4. No. of A/C over target 22

5. A/C damaged by, and/or lost to flak: 1 slightly

A/C No.	Height	Classification	Brief Description (i.e. place lost, extent of damage, etc.)
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957	18000	Slight	
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was moderate and fairly accurate and it was here that #957 received its damage. Chaff was dropped here and the group reports that the gunners were firing at the chaff after the group had left the area for several minutes. The last flak was seen at Dieppe, where it was reported a fairly accurate fire was directed at another group in the wing which was close to the edge of Dieppe.

7. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

90 seconds.

8. Turn after bombing. (Course away from target):

To right to 368° then to 02° .

9. Short description of evasive action in target area.

None

10. A description of flak en route and at target, including if possible, suggestions as to type of fire control employed. Include herein any phenomena or comments.

The route in was generally enroute with 8 to 10/10 Clouds and the wing leader apparently had trouble staying on course; The route out was 9/10 to 10/10 undercast and considerable wandering around was again reported, therefore ~~seen~~ the exact location ^{of most} of the flak is rather uncertain. On the route in the first flak was seen at 08:40 reportedly from the vicinity of Creil A/O (15 M.N.E. of Paris) this was to right and low a few bursts using unseen fire. At ~~Rosilly~~ 10:40 a few bursts were seen and from 10:40 to 10:46 meager flak was reported but apparently all came from the same place presumably Rosilly sur Seine. No flak was encountered at the target, the 6 guns reportedly located there either having been raised or silent. Beyond the target the first flak was reported at 11:37 and from 11:42 until 12:00 ~~reports~~ reports of flak to left and right of route were frequent. At 11:37 presumably the flak came from ~~Creil~~ Beaumont sur Oise. at H Beaurais. at 11:45 from Paris Airborne area and at 11:49 from Neufchatel. ~~the~~ all fire was unseen and the first two places were meager and distant to right and left. Fire from Neufchatel. however

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TARGET: Dijon A/P . DATE OF ATTACK: 25 April 1944

- Altitude of Low A/C
- 20,900

REMARKS:

2. Actual route followed over enemy territory (giving names of towns if possible) **5000-0116E to 4844-0400E to 4750-0540E to 4722-0554E to 4706-0529E to 4716-0505E to 4724-0505E to 4833-0403E to 4840-0347E to 4928-0213E to Neufchatel to 5000-0116E.**
3. Visibility at target. (Condensation, trails, clouds, etc.)
5/10 low clouds - target open. No con trails.
4. No. of A/C over target 22.
5. A/C damaged by, and/or lost to flak: **1 slightly.**

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7. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?
90 seconds
8. Turn after bombing. (Course away from target)
To right to 368° then to 02°.
9. Short description of evasive action in target area.
None.
10. A description of flak en route and at target, including if possible, suggestions as to type of fire control employed. Include herein any phenomena or comments. **The route in was generally overcast with 8 to 10/10 clouds and the Wing Leader apparently had trouble staying on course; The route out was 9/10 to 10/10 undercast and considerable wandering around was again reported, therefore the exact location of most of the flak is rather uncertain. On the route in the first flak was seen at 0840 hours reportedly from the vicinity of Greil A/D (15 miles NE of Paris). This was to right and low, a few bursts, using unseen fire. At 1040 hours a few bursts were seen and from 1040 to 1046 hours meager flak was reported but apparently all came from the same place, presumably Romilly sur Seine. No flak was encountered at the target, the 6 guns reportedly located there either having been moved or silent. Beyond the target the first flak was reported at 1137 hours and from 1142 until 1200 hours reports of flak to left and right of route were frequent. At 1137 hours presumably the flak came from Beauvais, at 1145 hours from Poix A/D area and at 1149 hours from Neufchatel. All fire was unseen and the first two places were meager and distant to right and left. Fire from Neufchatel, however, was moderate and fairly accurate and it was here that #957 received its damage. Chaff was dropped here and the group reports that the gunners were firing at the chaff after the group had left the area for several minutes. The last flak was seen at Dieppe, where it was reported a fairly accurate fire was directed at another group in the Wing which was close to the edge of Dieppe.**

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UP LEAD 155

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
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TARGET DITON A/DDATE OF ATTACK APR. 25, 1944PILOT'S NAME LT. F. C. KINCANNON NAVIGATOR LT. ABRAMOWITZ A/C NO. 4011

1. The 100th ~~A~~ Group flew (high-lead-low) of the 13th() C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation
The 100th ~~B~~ Group flew (high-lead-low) " " " () " " " " "

2. Altitude over Target -

	A/C	A Group	B Group
Lead		<u>21240</u>	
Highest	"	<u>21500</u>	
Lowest	"	<u>20500</u>	

3. True Heading on Bomb Run
- 326

4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run
- 125

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing
- 90
- sec.
- sec.

6. Time Bombs Away
- 1003

7. Turn from Target after Bombing
- 32° TO RIGHT

8. True Course Away from Target
- 330

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area:
- NONE

10. Visibility at Target
- Use this route,

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
0838	5000 - 01165	100	256	ENTER HOST-ENEMY TERR
0907	4842 - 01400	117	260	
0935	4758 - 01440	128	220	12 NM. LATE
0943	4754 - 01504	175	120	
0950	4706 - 01529	180	220	1P
1003	4716 - 01505	326	125	TARGET - BOMBS AWAY
1016	4724 - 01505	358	130	RD - NO FLAK
1046	4832 - 01403	325	130	8 BURST FLAK - LEVEL
1052	4840 - 01447	325	130	D.R.
1145	4918 - 02132	335	122	
1152	4922 - 02132	320	122	CHAFF

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INTERROGATING OFFICER:

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5000-01165

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R02

ON COURSE - 13 NM. LATE

Walter

13 CBW leads 3 BD
45 CBW echelon left
390 BD leads 13 CBW
95 low
100 high

Rosenthal-Kincannon 011

Major 2090

Haring 404

Evans 065

Betha 7090

Rice 191

Nesnel 412

McKay 941

Rake 983

GREINER
Major 066

Shelly 095

Harris 991

W-line 018

Malooly 53

Hunter 767

Holdt 007

Williamson 621

Giles 413

X O34
MCGUIRE

Bright 987

Higgle 957

Herres 723

SPARES

McGuire 056

Noble 049

Horne 895

*Returned
Early*

Out Early

Ground Spares

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867
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DATE OF ATTACK _____

SHIP NO. _____

DESCRIPTION OF FLAK GIVING LEVEL-ABOVE
BELOW-CLOCK POSITION-UNUSUAL PHENOMENON A

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
AAF STATION 101
APO 634

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EIGHTH AIR FORCE NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

317th Operation - 25 April 1944

- 1st Bombardment Division - Metz/Frescaty, Nancy/Essey A/F.
- 2nd Bombardment Division - Mannheim M/Y, Landau M/Y and T.O.s.
- 3rd Bombardment Division - Dijon/Longvic A/F.

Eighth Air Force dispatched four forces with fighter escort to attack G.A.F. operating bases at Nancy/Essey A/F, Metz/Frescaty A/F, Dijon/Longvic A/F and the marshalling yard at Mannheim.

The force which attacked Metz/Frescaty A/F was composed of 2 combat wings of B-17s, while the force which attacked Nancy/Essey A/F consisted of one combat wing of B-17s. These two forces were given fighter escort by five VIII Fighter Command groups, plus 2 squadrons of R.A.F. Spitfire IXs. Bombing results were very good at Metz/Frescaty and fair at Nancy/Essey. Both fighters and bombers reported weak e/a opposition, and flak was no deterrent. Two B-17s were lost to reasons unknown, as well as 3 RAF Spitfires. Returning fighters strafed ground installations, and claims are 3-0-7 for e/a on the ground.

The force of 3 B-24 combat wings detailed to attack the Mannheim M/Y encountered 8/10 to 10/10 cloud over the Continent, and most of the bomber formations returned to bases without bombing. However, 7 a/c succeeded in bombing the assigned primary, 16 others attacked Landau M/Y and 6 others attacked various targets of opportunity in Germany. Fighter escort to this force was provided by seven VIII Fighter Command groups and two IX Fighter Command groups, plus two squadrons of R.A.F. Mustangs. This force encountered practically the only e/a opposition on the entire day's operations. The bombers had encounters with approximately 20-25 s/e e/a in the Vitry and St. Dizier areas. The fighters also reported e/a opposition, but it was not serious. Returning fighter groups strafed various ground installations, and their total claims are 3-0-1 from aerial combats and 10-0-2 from ground attacks. Intense, accurate AA fire was experienced at Mannheim and Ludwigshafen. 5 B-24s were lost, as well as 2 P-51s of the IX Fighter Command.

The third task force of two B-17 combat wings attacked Dijon/Longvic A/F with good results. The bombers were escorted by four groups of VIII Fighter Command fighters. E/a opposition was practically nil for both fighters and bombers and flak was no menace. The bombers make no claims, and fighter claims are 0-0-1 for e/a on the ground.

In addition to the above operation, a force composed of one B-24 group carried out a bombing attack on a military installation in the Pas de Calais area. Escort was provided by one VIII Fighter Command group. The target was covered by 10/10 cloud, and bombing was done with the use of PFF a/c. Results could not be observed. No e/a incidents were reported, and there were no losses.

Enemy opposition for the day is limited to an estimated 45 s/e e/a which were principally engaged by both fighters and bombers of the force dispatched to attack the Mannheim M/Y.

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In addition to the heavy bomber attacks, one VIII Fighter Command group carried out a high precision level bombing attack on an A/F believed to be Amiens/Glissy. The group made the attack prior to rendezvousing with the bomber force dispatched to attack Metz/Frescaty and Nancy Essey. In addition to claims of c/a, the fighters destroyed one mobile radar installation, two locomotives, one gas truck and damaged other miscellaneous ground installations.

BOMBER OPERATIONS

Unit	(AB)	Disp.	Number of A/C		Lost)	Tons			
			Primary	O.T.'s		Primary	O.T.'s		
1ST BOMB DIV.			Primary	O.T.'s		G.P.	I.B.	G.P.	I.B.
1st C.W.	59	59	58	0	1	62.0	68.5(Frag)	0	0
94th C.W.	62	56	0	1	1	0	0	3.0	0
41st C.W.	67	61	40	1	0	120.0	0	0	0
40th C.W.	63	53	40	0	0	53.5	44.2(I.B)	0	0
	251	229	138	2	2	235.5	60.5(Frag)	0	0
							44.2(I.B.)	3	0
<u>2ND BOMB DIV.</u>									
96th C.W.	71	64	7	6	1	12.6	4.0	3.6	12.0
2nd C.W.	70	62	0	18	2	0	0	45.0	0
20th C.W.	77	73	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
	218	199	7	24	5	12.6	4.0	48.6	12.0
<u>Crossbow</u>									
14th C.W.	30	28	27	0	0	88.0	0	0	0
	248	227	34	24	5	100.6	4.0	48.6	12.0
<u>3RD BOMB DIV.</u>									
13th C.W.	69	65	61	0	0	183.0	0	0	0
45th C.W.	71	61	60	0	0	114.8	40.2	0	0
	140	126	121	0	0	297.8	40.2	0	0
<u>OPERATIONAL</u>									
TOTALS	639	582	293	26	7	633.9	88.4	51.6	12.0
							68.5(Frag)		

BOMBING RESULTS:

Metz/Frescaty A/F - Very good results.

98 B-17s dropped 729 x 500 G.P. - 62 tons - and 1370 x 120 frags - 68.5 tons on the G.A.F. operational repair and storage depot at Metz/Frescaty A/F from 18,700 to 20,750 feet at 0952 to 1002 hours. This is the first time that this A/F has been attacked by the Eighth Air Force.

The first concentration covered storage buildings at the northeastern end of the field. The second concentration fell in the same general area but covered the field's largest hangar, a triple bay repair shop. The third concentraion

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fell on the hangars in the west side of the field resulting in severe damage to five of the six hangars. The barracks and minor airfield buildings were also in the areas covered by the three concentrations. The fragmentation bombs were dropped in two waves which covered most of the landing area with one pattern extending into an adjacent field on which a large number of s/e c/a were dispersed. Partial cloud cover over the targets makes detailed assessment impossible but at least 15 a/c were damaged or destroyed out of the approximate 100 e/a parked on the landing ground and adjacent field.

Nancy/Essey A/F - Fair results.

42 B-17s dropped 238 x 500 G.P. - 59.5 tons - and 884 x 100 I.B. - 44.2 tons - from 19,000 to 20,500 feet at 0936 to 0937 hours on the German I/F training base at Nancy/Essey. Two concentrations fell in the northeast corner of the A/F, scoring hits on a large 4-bay hangar and adjacent small workshops. The principal barracks area was also hit. The other hangar areas escaped damage. Two a/c on the field were either destroyed or damaged. 640,000 type US G 36 leaflets were also dropped.

Mannheim M/Y

7 B-24s dropped 252 x 100 G.P. - 12.6 tons - and 80 x 100 I.B. - 4 tons - from 19,000 feet at 1011 hours on the Mannheim M/Y. This is the first time that the Eighth Air Force has attacked this important communications center.

Cloud cover makes it difficult to assess strike attack photos. Although the bomb pattern was scattered, it is believed that hits were scored on some of the rail lines on the western end of the M/Y. Some damage was also done to several buildings.

Landau M/Y

16 B-24s dropped 160 x 500 G.P. - 40 tons - from 19,000 - 20,000 feet at 1016 hours on the Landau M/Y. This is the first time that this objective, attacked as an opportunity target, has been bombed by the Eighth Air Force.

A compact pattern fell on one end of this small M/Y, and hits were scored on the rail lines, the goods station and possibly some rolling stock. Partial cloud cover prevents accurate assessment of strike photos.

Dijon/Longvic A/F - Good results.

121 B-17s dropped 1191 x 500 G.P. - 298 tons - and 803 x 100 I.B. - 40.1 tons - from 18,700 - 21,040 feet at 1002 to 1013 hours on this German Air Force operational station and repair base.

This target suffered severe damage as a result of the USAAF attack of 28 March 1944. Two heavy concentrations fell on the station buildings, barracks and administrative buildings at the southwest end of the A/F. Direct hits were scored on hangars and only 2 out of 8 were left undamaged. The G.P. concentration was followed by incendiaries which fell short, south of this area. A lighter concentration in the south dispersal area scored direct hits on the old civil airport building. Another lighter concentration fell at the northwest corner of the field, doing little damage but scoring possible hits on workshops and barracks. Out of at least 17 a/c parked on the field, 3 were either destroyed or damaged.

Military Installation - Pas de Calais Area

27 B-24s dropped 176 x 1000 G.P. - 88 tons - from 21,500 feet at 1432 hours

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on a military installation in the Pas de Calais area. Bombing was done through 10/10 cloud and results could not be observed.

ENCOUNTERS: The B-17 force which attacked Nancy/Essey and Metz/Frescaty A/Fs had no e/a opposition. The force of B-17s which attacked Dijon/Longvic A/F also reported no e/a opposition.

The force of B-24s assigned to bomb the Mannheim M/Y saw 15-20 Me 109s and 5-10 FW 190s in the vicinity of Vitry and St. Dizier. The low left and high right group were attacked out of the sun by 8-10 FW 190s which came in out of the sun at 1 o'clock after simulating escort tactics. One B-24 was lost to this attack. The high right group of the leading combat wing reported unaggressive attacks by 12 black FW 190s and Me 109s about 5 miles north of Bar-le-Duc. These e/a came in from ahead and high and were followed by escorting P-51s. Shortly thereafter, 4 Me 109s attacked from 5 o'clock, and these also were broken up by friendly fighter escort. No other attacks were reported, although a total of some 40-50 e/a were seen during the mission.

REASONS FOR FAILURE TO BOMB: 94 B-17s and 169 B-24s failed to bomb: 5 B-17s and 20 B-24s due to mechanical failures; 68 B-17s and 126 B-24s because of adverse weather; 8 B-24s because of enemy action; and 21 B-17s and 15 B-24s for other reasons.

CASUALTIES: Personnel - 12 crew members were wounded and 70 are missing. Equipment - 7 a/c were lost: 2 B-24s to AA, 1 B-24 to e/a and 2 B-17s and 2 B-24s to unknown reasons.

Estimated Battle Damage - 39 B-17s and 74 B-24s received minor damage and 10 B-17s and 3 B-24s received major damage.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE: Meager and inaccurate flak was experienced over Le Treport, Courtrai, Chalons, St. Dizier, Dieppe, Romilly, Paris, Metz, Grandvilliers, St. Justin, Amiens and Beauvais. AA fire in the Mannheim-Ludwigshafen area was reported as varying from nil to intense and accurate. Continuously pointed fire was encountered over Creil A/F, but it was moderate and inaccurate. Tracking fire, moderate and inaccurate, was experienced over Saens and Neuchatel.

WEATHER: From 5/10 to 10/10 cloud conditions were met over the Continent. There was 5/10 to 9/10 cloud over Metz/Frescaty A/F and 8/10 to 9/10 cloud over Nancy/Essey A/F, but breaks in the clouds enabled most of the formations to bomb. One combat wing of the force attacking Nancy/Essey was prevented from bombing by cloud. The 8/10 to 10/10 cloud conditions prevented the force assigned to attack Mannheim from carrying out the operation as planned, and the majority of the bombers turned back without bombing. Cloud over Dijon/Longvic varied from 3/10 to 5/10. The target in the Pas de Calais area was completely covered by 10/10 cloud and bombing was done through the overcast as planned.

OBSERVATIONS: Numerous huts about the size of Nissen huts were observed to be built along narrow roads throughout the Compiègne Forest. The Paris M/Ys were reported to have large amounts of rolling stock in them. An army camp was seen at 4644N-0400E and maneuvers were taking place. One bomber group stated that approximately 5 miles of railroad cars were observed on the railroad going into Dieppe. Five docks, looking like repair slips, were full of ships in the three canals at Karlsruhe. Heavy railway traffic was noted in the M/Y at Dijon. An A/F with two runways was reported to be at approximately 4715N-0513E. The following observations were made of A/F activities: 2 He 111s and several camouflaged a/c on Dole/Tavaux; no a/c on Poix; 7 a/c on St. Dizier; 20 s/c a/c on Nancy; 25 a/c on Croix/Demetz; 25 s/c a/c at Lachen, Speyersdorf, south of Mannheim; and approximately 29 a/c were seen on the ground at Metz.

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13 fighter groups of VIII Fighter Command and 2 groups of IX Fighter Command, plus 4 squadrons of the R.A.F. gave full fighter escort to the three heavy bomber forces. The fighters escorting the two B-17 forces report practically no e/a opposition, but those supporting the B-24 force met e/a opposition southwest of Metz and in the Bar-le-Duc area. As a result of aerial combats, claims are 5-0-1. In addition to providing escort, one group of P-38s bombed an A/F believed to be Amiens/Glissy with 500 lb. G.P. bombs en route to rendezvous with the B-17 force assigned to attack Metz and Nancy/Essey. Furthermore, fighters strafed various A/Fs and ground installations, and claims are 29-7-42 from ground strafing attacks. In addition, two locomotives, one gas truck and mobile radar installation were destroyed and numerous other ground installations were damaged. 2 P-51s of the IX Fighter Command are missing.

Two squadrons of R.A.F. Spitfires ran into 6 FW-190s in the Laon area and claim 5 destroyed. 3 Spitfires are missing.

One group of VIII Fighter Command was assigned as general area support to the B-24 force which attacked the military installation in the Pas de Calais area. The escort was uneventful and no e/a were seen.

VIII Fighter Command

Unit	Type of A/C	Type of Support	No. A/C on Mission	Lost	Claims
<u>65th Fighter Wing</u>					
56A	P-47	Target, Withdrawal	24	0	3-0-7
56B	P-47	Withdrawal	23	0	0-0-0
356	P-47	Withdrawal	40	0	0-0-0
355	P-51	Penetration, Target & Withdrawal	37	0	0-0-1
4	P-51	Penetration, Target & Withdrawal	39	0	0-0-0
			<u>163</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3-0-8</u>
<u>66th Fighter Wing</u>					
55	P-38	Precision Bombing & Withdrawal	48	0	0-0-0
361	P-47	Penetration	49	0	3-0-0
357	P-51	Penetration, Target & Withdrawal	47	0	0-0-0
78A	P-47	Penetration	47	0	2-0-2
78B	P-47	Penetration	24	0	0-0-0
353A	P-47	Penetration	31	0	0-0-0
353B	P-47	Penetration	16	0	0-0-0
			<u>262</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5-0-2</u>
<u>67th Fighter Wing</u>					
20	P-38	Withdrawal	48	0	0-0-0
352	P-51	Penetration, Target & Withdrawal	35	0	6-0-0
359*	P-47	General Area	40	0	0-0-0
364	P-38	Penetration, Target & Withdrawal	42	0	0-0-0
359	P-47	Penetration	42	0	2-0-1
			<u>207</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8-0-1</u>

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Unit	Type of F/C	Type of Support	No. A/C on Mission	Lost	Claims
Total (VIII Fighter Command)			632	0	16-0-11
<u>IX Fighter Command</u>					
<u>70th Fighter Wing</u>					
354	P-51	Withdrawal & Support	47	2	18-7-32
363	P-51	Sweep	41	0	0-0-0
			88	2	18-7-32
Operational Total			720	2	34-7-43
				Air -	5-0-1
				Ground -	29-7-42
2 Squadrons RAF Mustangs Target			24	0	0-0-0
2 Squadrons RAF Spitfires Penetration Sweep			25	3	5-0-0

Total Escort: - 336 P-47s, 270 P-51s, 138 P-38s and 25 Spitfire IXs.

* Second Sortie.

Escort to Bombers

Escort to B-24 Force Assigned to Attack Mannheim.

The 357th Group rendezvoused at 0825 hours at Harnoy and the B-24s were off course going south to Paris. Then proceeded due north before taking up briefed course east of Bar le Duc. 20 Me-109s attacked the lead combat wing of B-24s, and 10 of these a/c were chased to the deck where one a/c was destroyed. Left bombers at 0905 hours at Salmagne. The 78th Group rendezvoused at 0838 hours at Chateau Thierry. At 0905 hours SW of Metz, 20 plus Me-109s were sighted, following above and behind one of the bomb groups. The Me-109s hit the bombers before they could be identified and intercepted. Seven FW-190s seen in this area were engaged and 2 were destroyed. Left the bombers SE of Metz at 0934 hours. The 361st Group rendezvoused with the B-24s at 0850 hours. Approximately one minute before the rendezvous, 25 a/c made on head-on pass at the first box of bombers, followed a few seconds later by 20 more a/c before the fighter group could intercept. The group left the bombers at 1025 hours at Saverne. One of the combat wings was 50 miles ahead and rendezvous could not be made with them. One flight of the group strafed Nancy/Essey A/F after the B-17s had bombed. The 4th Group escorted from Sarrebourg at 0925 hours through the target area to Epernay at 1130 hours. No a/c were seen. The 352nd Group escorted from the vicinity of Neudenois at 0940 hours to Chateau Salins area at 1035 hours. No a/c were seen in the area. Two squadrons of RAF Mustangs escorted in the target area without incident. The 20th Group relieved the 352nd Group at 1033 hours and withdrew to Compiègne at 1148 hours. No a/c were seen. The 356th Group escorted from 1120 hours at Charleroi to 1130 hours at Compiègne, to the enemy coast at 1236 hours. No a/c were seen.

Escort to B-17 Force Assigned to Attack Metz/Frescaty, Nancy/Essey A/Fs.

The 353d Group escorted from 0830 hours at Aumale to 0900 hours after the 78B Group had rendezvoused. No a/c were seen. 78B Group escorted from 0835 hours near Clermont until 0929 hours in the vicinity of Laneville. The bombers were not

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In trouble and no e/a were seen. The 364th Group rendezvoused in the vicinity of Chevillon at 0904 hours and provided uneventful escort until 1038 hours in the vicinity of Chateau Thierry. The 56A Group rendezvoused at Luneville at 0931 hours and broke off escort in the Romilly area at 1045 hours. After the B-17s had bombed Metz/Frescaty A/F, one squadron of this group strafed the A/F with claims of 3-0-7. The 56B Group rendezvoused from 1020 hours at Bar le Duc to Le Treport at 1140 - 1205 hours. After making landfall out, one squadron of this group returned inland twice and escorted a second and third combat wing out over the coast. The 55th Group, with 37 P-38s each carrying one 500 G.P. bomb, attacked an A/F believed to be Amiens/Clissy on the way to rendezvous. These 37 P-38s after bombing were escorted by 10 other a/c of the same group back to base. The balance of the group, rendezvoused with two combat wings of B-17s near the vicinity of Chartres at 1145 hours, leaving the bombers at Le Havre at 1215 hours. No e/a were seen. Two RAF squadrons preceded the bombers on a penetration sweep. 6 e/a were seen in the Leon area and 5 were shot down. 3 Spitfires were lost.

Escort to B-17 Force Assigned to Attack Dijon/Longvic A/F.

The 353rd Group rendezvoused with rear units of the Metz and Nancy/Essey forces at Grandvilliers area at 0845 hours to E of Paris at 0906 hours. This group was on type 16 control and no e/a were seen. The 355th Group was vectored to the Rein area to investigate report of e/a, but none were seen. The group rendezvoused with the Metz and Nancy/Essey force at 0900 hours, escorted them briefly, and then met the Dijon/Longvic force at Chateau Thierry at 0920 hours. Escort was furnished to the target. One squadron strafed an A/F. 20 e/a were seen in the air. The 357th Group escorted from SE of Dijon at 0950 hours to Le Treport at 1150 hours. No e/a were seen. The 363rd Group arrived in the target area at 0940 hours and swept it. The group then rendezvoused at Heilbron at 1000 hours and left the bombers at Pirmasens at 1020 hours. Only 2 e/a were seen. The 354th Group swept the target area and afterwards strafed Boxberg and Assamstadt A/Fs with claims of 16-7-32.

Strafing and Bombing Attacks65th Fighter Wing

One P-47 of the 56A Group strafed the Metz/Frescaty A/F after it had been bombed by two B-17 combat wings. Claims of 3-0-7 resulted from this attack, and possibly 10-20 more may follow assessment of film. The 355th Group of P-51s strafed Dijon/Longvic A/F after the B-17s had left, making one pass from ESE to WNW which resulted in a claim of 1 Me-109 in a hangar being damaged.

Pilots of the 65th Fighter Wing made the following observations: 1 B-24 was seen to head toward Switzerland at 1030 hours; 3 or 4 balloons were sighted over Boulogne at 18,000 feet; 1 B-17 was seen going down approximately 15 miles NE of Paris with 4 parachutes observed; from 40-50 e/a were observed on Metz/Frescaty A/F, some concealed in bushes and others to the west of the A/F in a nearby field.

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37 P-38s of the 55th Group, en route to rendezvousing with the bombers, were each loaded with one 500 G.P. demolition bomb. 34 a/c bombed an A/F believed to be Amiens/Clissy, dropping 34 x 500 G.P. at 1015 hours from 18,000 feet, and observed about 10-12 hits at the SW side of the field in the hangar area. The balance of the bombs fell short. 2 x 500 G.P. were jettisoned and 1 x 500 G.P. were returned to base. 10 P-38s escorted the 37 P-38s back to base, while the balance of the group continued on course to the planned rendezvous.

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P-47s of the 361st Group strafed Nancy/Essey A/F and claim 1 JU 52 and 1 FW 190 destroyed and damage to 3 hangars. Three Fiesler-Storch a/c in a meadow near the town of Nancy were spotted and strafed, resulting in a claim of 1 destroyed. A radar screen was strafed and damaged near Buzancy at 1005 hours. One flight of P-47s of the 78 A Group strafed St. Dizier A/F and claim 2 e/a damaged on the ground.

The 66th Fighter Wing pilots made the following observations: 30 plus FW 190s were observed on Metz/Frescaty A/F; estimate that 25 a/c were still in serviceable condition on Nancy/Essey A/F after the bombing; 1 B-24 was seen spiralling down at 1857 hours near Bar le Duc; 4 Do-217s, 1 He-110 and 1 unidentified t/c e/a were seen on St. Dizier A/F; 1 B-17 was observed to be hit by flak over Beauvais, catching fire and crashing on the ground with no chutes being seen.

67th Fighter Wing

P-51 pilots of the 352nd Group strafed an A/F 19 miles S. of Metz which resulted in claims of 6-0-0. Nine pilots in P-47s of the 359th Group strafed Souppes A/F and claim 1 e/a destroyed, which was the only e/a seen on the field.

Pilots of the 67th Fighter Wing made the following observations: inaccurate, heavy flak was noted coming from the Compiègne Forest; 40 plus JU 87s were observed in a small, wooded, rectangular area near Metz/Frescaty A/F; 10 plus s/c and t/c e/a were seen on an A/F approximately 10 miles S. of Metz; 1 FW-190 was observed to shoot down a B-24 near Robert Espagne; over Paris, 1 B-24 was seen to be hit by flak at 0835 hours and no chutes were seen to open. An estimated 4 new flak batteries were reported to be at Chagny.

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^{P-51s}
The 354th Group strafed Bexberg and Assamstadt A/Fs and claim 16-7-32 e/a on the ground. This group also destroyed two locomotives, one balloon and damaged one gas truck and one locomotive.

Pilots of this Wing observed 3 or 4 A/Fs under construction SW of Sedan very close to each other.

Casualties: Personnel - 2 pilots of the IX Fighter Command and 3 RAF pilots are missing.

Equipment - 2 P-51s of IX Fighter Command and 3 Spitfire IXs of the RAF were lost.

Estimated Battle Damage - 2 P-47s and 2 P-38s received minor damage; and 1 P-47 and 1 P-51 received major damage.

NOTE: The foregoing is based on preliminary information and should not be used for record purposes.

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(SAV95-558 - 9) (25-4-44) (8178-7-19000) (DIJON LONGVIC A/D)

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TIME	PLACE	ALTITUDE	HEADING	BELOW-CLOCK POSITION-UNUSUAL PHENOMENA	DESCRIPTION OF FLAK GIVING LEVEL-ABOVE

SHIT MC.

DATE OF ATTACK _____

DESCRIPTIVE PLATE FORM

PILOT'S NAME

1334VL



V95-558 - 1X25-4-44X8178-7-19000X(DIJON LONGVIC A/D)

PHOTO AND BOMB PLOTTING REPORT
(For Interrogator's use)

PILOT MASSOL A/C NO. 38047

TARGET _____ DATE 31-3-44

BOMB LOAD _____

EXACT TIME BOMBS WERE RELEASED _____

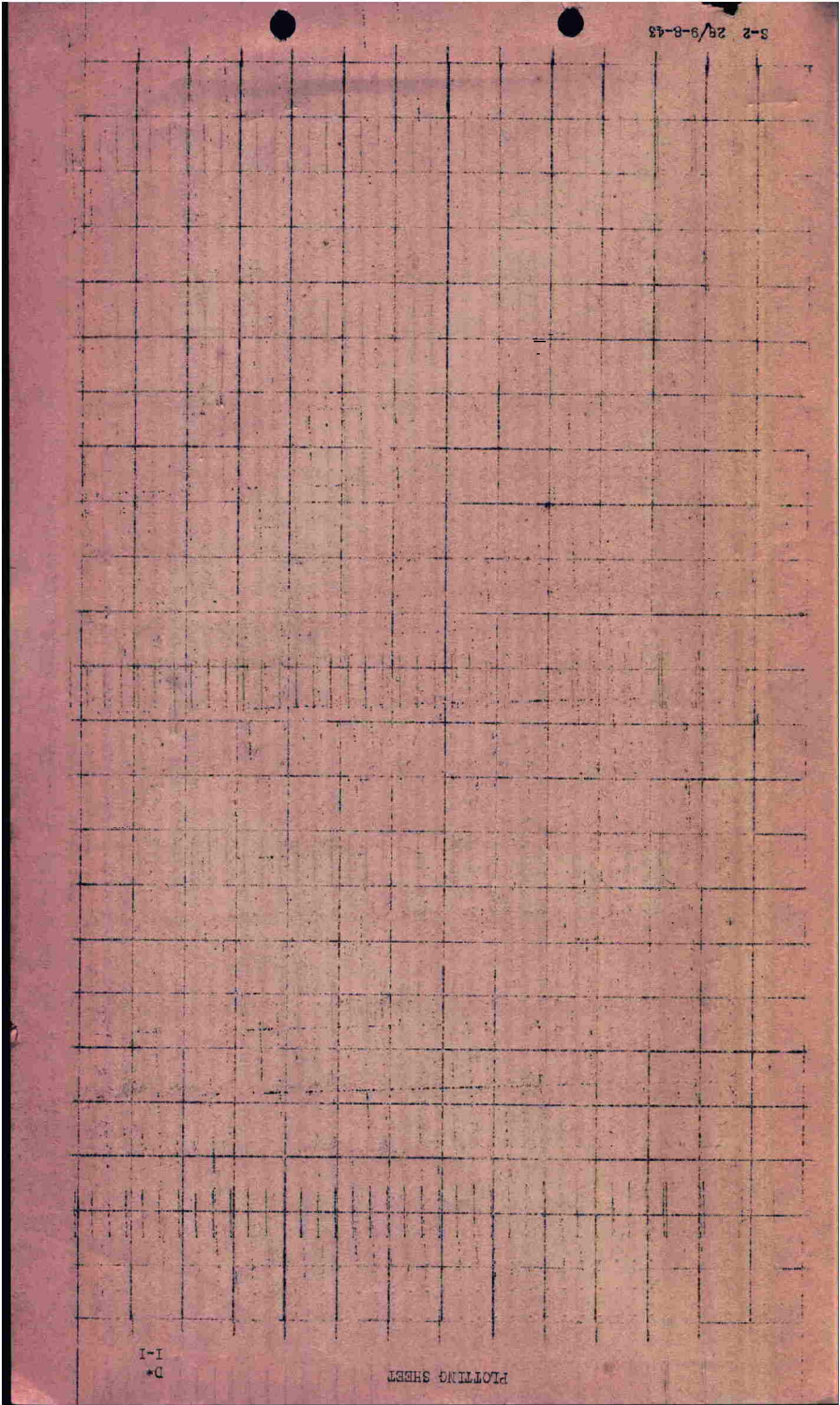
A/C TRACK AT MOMENT BOMBS WERE RELEASED _____ TRUE AIR SPEED _____

ALTITUDE AT TIME BOMBS WERE RELEASED _____

POSITION PHOTOGRAPHED IF OTHER THAN TARGET _____

CHECK AIRCRAFT X "POSITION IN FORMATION

(Signature of Interrogator)



OPERATIONAL STATISTICS.....PT

Dijon/Longvic A/D ST Romilly Air Park &A/DR

OP

100 GROUP

1003

HRS.

21,040 ALT

GROUP

LOW

1002

20900

PILOT	SNDN	A/C NO.	LOADING	TARGET		OTHER	CASUALTIES			SERIOUS SLIGHT BATTLE DAMAGE	JETTY- SONED	BRT BLACK
				PT	OTHER		K	M	F			
Lt. H. E. Bethes	418	7090	12x500	12x500							12x500	4721-06 09-10666
Lt. J. A. Evans	418	065	12x500	12x500								
Lt. J. S. Giles	350	413	"	12x500								
Lt. W. L. Greiner	351	066	"	12x500								
Lt. A. J. Harris	350	991	"	12x500								
Lt. F. J. Harries	349	723	"	12x500								
Lt. J. Hunter	351	767	"	12x500								
Lt. F. Kincannon	418	011	"	12x500								
Lt. S. T. Major	418	2090	"	12x500								
Lt. F. J. Malooly	350	534	"	12x500								
Lt. E. N. McKay	350	941	"	12x500								
Lt. J. E. Massol	351	412	"	12x500								
Lt. C. W. Mylius	351	018	"	12x500								
Lt. G. W. Rake	351	983	"	12x500								
Lt. J. J. Raring	418	404	"	12x500								
Lt. D. C. Rice	418	191	"	12x500								
Lt. D. B. Rizzle	349	957	"	12x500								
Lt. J. M. Shelly	350	095	"	12x500								
Lt. L. L. Williamson	350	621	"	12x500								
Lt. C. W. Woldt	351	007	"	12x500								
Lt. R. W. Wright	349	987	"	12x500								
SPARES												
Lt. R. D. Horne	349	249	12x500									12x500 5033
Lt. J. W. McQuire	349	056	"	12x500								
Lt. J. P. Noble	349	049	"								12x500	4721-06 09-10666

DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET

DATE OF ATTACK

PILOT'S NAME

SHIP NO. _____

DESCRIPTION OF FLAK GIVING LEVEL--ABOVE
DITCH--CLOCK POSITION--USUAL PHENOMENON A

[illegible]

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MISSION NO. 155DATE: 25-P-44MISSION RECORD

1. Warning order, field order, annexes;

Target maps & illustrations;

Briefing Information: a) main & gunners' briefing,
 b) camera installations
 c) duty officer check list,
 d) lists of admission,
 e) crew lists.

2. Formation chart;

Interrogation forms;

Combat forms and a) letter of transmittal,
 b) 3rd B.D. evaluated encounters letter,
 c) evaluated encounters letter, 3rd B.D. to S-1.

3. A/C returning early;

Hot News (a/c in distress, and shipping);

Operational Statistics, (Telephone);

Operational Narrative;

Intelligence Narrative,

A/C Landing away;

PRO reports;

Miscellaneous reports: a) Equipment malfunctions,
 b) crew comments,
 c) battle damage,
 d) sortie information
 e) statistical flak forms
 f) flak report;

Missing A/C and missing crew reports;

4. 3rd B.D. flash report, and narrative teletypes;
Strike photos, raid assessments, BCHO, etc;
Statistical work sheet;
Mission folder check list.

(Material is placed in the folder in this order; material mentioned
 last is on top.)

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Date SEP 19 1945

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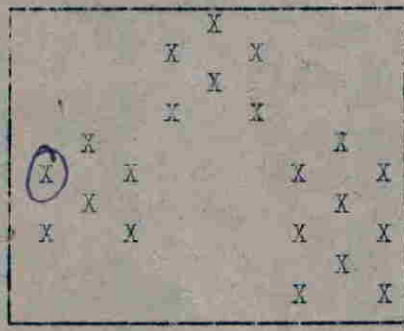
Crew #21

INTERROGATION FORM

RAKE

GROUP 100 SQD 351 A/C NO 988 LTR BOMB LOAD 12X500 DATE 25/4/44

Position in formation
(at target)



Rank	Name	Rank	Name
Lt. G. W. Rake	P	T/Sgt. E. C. Rogers	TT
Lt. D. R. Drysdale	CP	S/Sgt. L. Tekel	BT
Lt. F. L. Cate	N	S/Sgt. R. J. Bourquin	RW
S/Sgt. R. W. Lennox	B	S/Sgt. D. Pflaum	LW
T/Sgt. L. A. Miller	PAD	S/Sgt. E. E. Evans	TG

Casualties None

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1003 No., Size & Type 12X500 Results Observed
Place PT On target 12X500 Yours: Same good results
Alt 21100 Jettisoned in MP1
330° Br't Back same

Weather as it affected the Mission:
2/10 over target - 9/10 elsewhere in route in form
30 mi post enemy coast.

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time <u>/</u>	T.Cpp. <u>/</u>	Time <u>/</u>
Place <u>/</u>	Jett. <u>/</u>	Place <u>/</u>
Alt. <u>/</u>	Br't back <u>/</u>	Alt. <u>/</u>

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place Time Duration Alt
No. type Weapons
Tactics:

2nd Attack - Place Time Duration Alt
No. type Weapons
Tactics:

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

OPERATIONS OF CRAFT

2 small planes in ground in airfield
located at St. Jean de S. 47086'N 05915'E
no planes on ground at P.T.
no plane at P.T.
11:17 State 49000 to left.
11:48 .. (10 sept) Heavy cloud movement -
10:46 Lake. Level meager.
Get more building in South corner of P.T. than
otherwise picture.

THOMAS SUGGESTIONS

There

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE: (Separate Interrogation Form)

FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

There

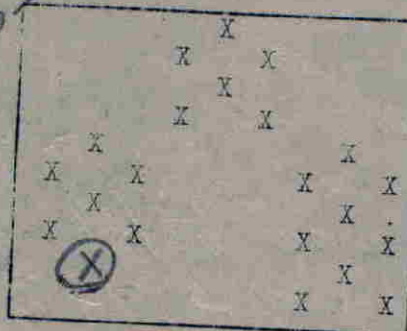
Crew #37

INTERROGATION FORM

MCGUIRE

GROUP 100 SQD 349A/C NO 056

LTR

BOMB LOAD 12x500DATE 25-1-44Position in formation
(at target)

Rank Name

Rank Name

Lt J. W. McGuire P T/Sgt F. V. DeGeorge TT

Lt R. L. Bradley CP S/Sgt J. P. Ribuffo BT

Lt E. J. Knapp N S/Sgt D. E. Kuntz ~~BT~~Lt J. M. Jones B S/Sgt A. R. Dill ~~BT~~

T/Sgt R. M. McCaughin RAD S/Sgt J. W. Sabotka TG

Casualties Rank Name Status

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (W), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1009

No., Size & Type

Results Observed
Yours:Place Dijon A/DOn target 12x500RW - New Bombs hit in SW
cornerAlt 20,500

Jettisoned

Br't Back

Bomb - believe we hit briefed MFI

We were behind schedule because of late handoff time.

Weather as it affected the Mission:

Broken clouds over target -
3/10 cumulus broken.Other
TG - whole west side of A/D
blanketed with smoke.

TURNED BACK EARLY

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time	T. Opp.	Time
Place	Jett.	Place
Alt.	Br't back	Alt.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

None

1st Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____

No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____

Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place _____ Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____

No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____

Tactics: _____

Give same information on any subsequent attacks:

CHIEF SUGGESTIONS
 ① Bombing has - conditions on full before we
 don't back for insurance - they should around headquarters
 believe this is security problem
 ② Pilot - bomb needs more water when he
 fly on more

Chou
 ② Buppie appeared 7th he heavily bombed.
 Buppie & Little Town (not on map) approx. 4 mi. NE

OBSERVATIONS OF CHIEF

① 8-17 h's deck - believe the
 lead up. Could see any thing
 higher cover for him. No other
 fact seen at 1045 hr. approx.
 1300 mi. fr. French coast, on buffed
 source.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE: (Separate Interrogation form)
 FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS
 (Group and A/C No. - condition -
 where down - status - any unusual
 occurrences of interest - your altitude)

INTERROGATION FORM

Position in formation
(at target)

Rank	Name	Rank	Name
1	...	1	...
2	...	2	...
3	...	3	...
4	...	4	...
5	...	5	...
6	...	6	...
7	...	7	...
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<u>Lt. H. E. Bethea</u>	P	<u>S/Sgt. W. R. Hellen</u>	TT
<u>Lt. L. E. Coleman</u>	CP	<u>Sgt. G. E. Symington</u>	BT
<u>Lt. R. W. Barry</u>	N	<u>Sgt. C. C. Dobbins</u>	EW
<u>T/Sgt. J. T. Fyles</u>	B	<u>Sgt. E. A. Skapin</u>	LW
<u>S/Sgt. R. A. Vance</u>	RAD	<u>Sgt. D. W. Harris</u>	TG

Rank	Name	Status
Casualties -		

Indicate Killed (K), Wounded (V), Missing (M)

TARGET BOMBED

Time 1005 $\frac{3}{4}$ No., Size & Type 11 Results Observed
Years: _____

Place _____ On target NO (4721-0508-)

Amt 20,900 Jettisoned _____ Salvaged bombs _____
 Br't Back _____ 12 x 509 L. P. S. _____
 _____ Other _____

Weather ~~and~~ it affected the Mission:

Weather as it affected the Mission: *toggle switch would not toggle, would not just salvo - has failed once before - Bombs turned back early edge of city means target. Did not hit in any extent up area.*

Bomb Disposition		Reason
Time _____	T. Opp. _____	Time _____
Place _____	Jett. _____	Place _____
Alt. _____	Bomb back _____	Alt. _____

TURNED BACK EARLY

Zero Disposition		
Time	T. Opp.	Time
Place	Jett.	Place
Alt.	Br't back	Alt.

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION:

1st Attack - Place Worm, Time _____ Duration _____ Alt _____

No. _____ type _____ Weapons _____
Tactics: _____

2nd Attack - Place	Time	Duration	Alt

No. _____ type _____ Weapon _____

Give some information on any subsequent attacks:

Great many being used as materiel
 for good & evil. Some used
 for 500,000 of England.
 Silencing in FM more noise than
 + allowed. Several are compared
 that diameter is coming from the
 crew members. Want a glass before
 the. Can not a gun or other threats

Saw 12 guns at New York.
 in channel. Off of Broadway 302
 40. 54. 0010F - 1225.
~~4. 54. 0010F - 1225.~~

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW -

~~4. 54. 0010F - 1225.~~

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE: (Separate Interrogation form)
 FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS
 (Group and A/C No., - Condition -
 where down - chutes - any unusual
 occurrences of interest - your altitude)

FORMATION POSITION
LEAD SQDNCOMBAT MISSION OF
26 April 1944Rubber
Rosenthal Kingannon 011 TMajor 2090 R ✓ Raring 404 V ✓Evans 065 U ✓Bethes 7090 D ✓ Rice 191 W ✓

LOW SQDN

Haffing

Hessell 412 G ✓Reise 983 F ✓ Reiner 066 H ✓Halling 018 L ✓Hunter 767 E ✓ Woldt 007 B ✓

HIGH SQDN

Foolbsh

Mc Kay 941 T ✓Shelly 095 Y ✓ Harris 991 D ✓Malodly 534 Z ✓Williamson 621 A ✓ Gillen 413 V ✓

Kidneat

Wright 987 A ✓

Horres

957 D Niggle ✓ 723 R ✓

COMPOSITE GROUP

SPARES

Kidneat

Mc Guire 056 O ✓ 895 R

Foolbsh

Noble 049 U ✓ Horn 249 L ✓

Ground Spares

175 O Rubber Lead G. Spare

867 Z Haffing

009 X Foolbsh

(F) - B-17F

(G) - B-17G

R/E 0 Returned Early

Crew	Rad	Eng	B.T.	RW	L.W.	T.G.
8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	✓	4x	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
18	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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35	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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57	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
62	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
70	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
74	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
76	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
32	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

351st Bombardment Squadron (H) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer
APO # 559

April 25, 1944

ROSTER OF CREWS PARTICIPATING ON MISSION OF APRIL 25, 1944

Crew No. 70 Ship 412

Lt. J. F. Massol	P
Lt. H. D. Granger	CP
Lt. G. E. Bonitz	N
Lt. V. J. Perez (24)	B
T/Sgt. A. J. Spangler	R
T/Sgt. S. A. Cary (64)	E
Sgt. W. C. Williams	BT
S/Sgt. O. H. McCartney	RW
S/Sgt. W. L. Renaud	LW
S/Sgt. N. H. Garmon	TG

Crew No. 19 Ship 066

Lt. W. L. Greiner	P
Lt. C. A. Rogers	CP
Lt. G. A. Meyer	N
S/Sgt. R. L. McKimmy (Xtra)	B
T/Sgt. W. H. Wakefield	R
T/Sgt. J. Poage	E
S/Sgt. E. Buchanan	BT
S/Sgt. C. E. Wehner	RW
S/Sgt. T. P. Buntin (Xtra)	LW
S/Sgt. E. A. Farkas	TG

Crew No. 21 Ship 985

Lt. G. W. Rake	P
Lt. D. R. Drysdale	CP
Lt. F. L. Cate	N
S/Sgt. R. W. Lennox (Xtra)	B
T/Sgt. L. A. Miller	R
T/Sgt. E. C. Rogers	E
S/Sgt. L. Tekel	BT
S/Sgt. R. J. Bourquin	RW
S/Sgt. D. L. Pflaum	LW
S/Sgt. E. E. Evans	TG

Crew No. 67 Ship 018

Lt. C. W. Mylius	
Lt. W. G. McCoy	
Lt. C. J. Galligan	
Lt. H. T. High	
T/Sgt. V. J. Wood	
T/Sgt. J. R. Russell	
S/Sgt. C. E. Brown	
S/Sgt. C. E. McSpadden	
S/Sgt. E. J. Sullivan	
S/Sgt. H. D. Fern	

Crew No. 62 Ship 007

Lt. C. W. Woldt	
Lt. K. H. Knowlton	
Lt. R. E. Rossman	
S/Sgt. M. Rots	
S/Sgt. D. A. Sachs	
T/Sgt. J. C. Arnold	
S/Sgt. E. J. Foulds	
S/Sgt. A. G. Langhoff	
S/Sgt. R. M. Norman	
S/Sgt. J. J. Selvenis	

Crew No. 25 Ship 767

Lt. J. Hunter	
Lt. G. W. Shoesmith	
Lt. R. J. Reh	
Lt. M. J. Lirette	
Sgt. S. Lecouras	
S/Sgt. A. L. Wellingham	
Sgt. E. D. Medhurst	
Sgt. S. J. Martiello	
Sgt. R. H. Kuehl	
Sgt. H. S. South	

For the Squadron Commander:

JACK R. SWARTOUT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
Office of the Operations Officer

25 April 1944

ROSTER OF CREWS ON OPERATIONAL MISSION OF THIS DATE:

CREW NO. 28 P #42-38191

Lt D. C. Rice P
Lt B. Williams CP
Lt W. Cherry B
S/Sgt H. P. Pyles *Low* NG
T/Sgt L. M. Thompson R
T/Sgt P. H. Towe E
S/Sgt R. E. Pryor BTG
S/Sgt H. C. Vaughn RNG
S/Sgt W. E. Stein LWG
S/Sgt R. W. Pion TG

CREW NO. 29 F #42-31404 ✓

Lt J. J. Raring P
Lt W. A. Ryan CP
~~Lt B. S. Fox~~ *Low* ~~Miller~~ *B-N*
S/Sgt H. P. Lowe *Capt. Green* ~~BN-B~~
S/Sgt A. M. Caldwell R
T/Sgt G. Jones E
S/Sgt J. J. Parrilla BTG
S/Sgt O. S. Compton RNG
S/Sgt J. J. Rybak LWG
S/Sgt D. M. Gaggile TG

CREW NO. 32 P #42-107011 ✓

Capt R. Rosenthal C
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Lt F. Kincaannon P
Lt B. L. Farnum CP
Lt L. H. Abramowitz N
Lt R. E. Nance B
T/Sgt O. L. Edge R
T/Sgt D. B. Deason E
S/Sgt G. E. Snider BTG
S/Sgt B. M. Tarnecki RNG
S/Sgt C. E. Gargette LWG
S/Sgt R. D. Chavez TG

CREW NO. 34 F #42-97065

Lt J. A. Evans P
Lt E. F. Talbest CP
Lt H. S. Mears N
Lt J. A. Graziano B
T/Sgt P. Churitch R
T/Sgt L. M. Bailey E
S/Sgt W. A. Barrack BTG
S/Sgt L. H. Lythage RNG
S/Sgt C. Porter LWG
S/Sgt E. J. Deluccie TG

CREW NO. 74 F #42-97090

Lt H. E. Bethea ✓ P
Lt L. E. Coleman CP
Lt R. W. Barry N
T/Sgt J. T. Pyles NG
S/Sgt R. A. Vance R
S/Sgt W. R. Hellen E
Sgt G. E. Symington BTG
Sgt C. C. Dobbins RNG
Sgt E. A. Skapin LWG
Sgt D. W. Harris TG

CREW NO. 76 P #42-32090

Lt S. T. Major ✓ P
Lt T. Bline CP
Lt S. B. Green N
Lt W. A. Lichenstern B
Sgt J. E. Marion R
S/Sgt L. H. Deatrich E
Sgt J. H. Gage BTG
Sgt H. F. Carter RNG
Sgt M. K. Eckley LWG
Sgt W. G. Moore TG

549TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H), ARMY AIR FORCES
Office of the Operations Officer

25 April 1944

FOLLOWING CREWS ARE ALERTED FOR TODAY'S MISSION:

Crew # 36 Ship # 987

P - 2nd Lt. Wright, R W
CP - 2nd Lt. Raper, J W
W - 2nd Lt. Curran, R
B - 2nd Lt. Herrmann, C A
R - T/Sgt. Montondo, R J
E - Sgt. Vaden, A F
BT - S/Sgt. Palmquist, J B
RW - S/Sgt. McCleary, C W
LW - S/Sgt. Bridges, A T
TG - S/Sgt. Willburn, J S

Crew # 37 Ship # 723

P - 2nd Lt. Morris, R J
CP - 2nd Lt. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Mitchell, P L
W - 2nd Lt. Ringhofer, A F
B - 2nd Lt. Conover, B E
R - S/Sgt. Mulgrew, R W
E - S/Sgt. Morrow, J A
BT - S/Sgt. Barnes, D B
RW - S/Sgt. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Williams, W F
LW - Sgt. Kesser, W J
TG - Sgt. Main, A R

Crew # 39 Ship # 957

P - 2nd Lt. Riggle, D E
CP - 2nd Lt. King, J W
W - 2nd Lt. Parkhurst, W H
B - 2nd Lt. Hurst, K W
R - S/Sgt. Glade, C F
E - S/Sgt. Scott, E B
BT - Sgt. Marcell, R P
RW - S/Sgt. Moore, R C
LW - Sgt. Marbach, R H
TG - Sgt. Matthews, G

Crew # 37 Ship # 056

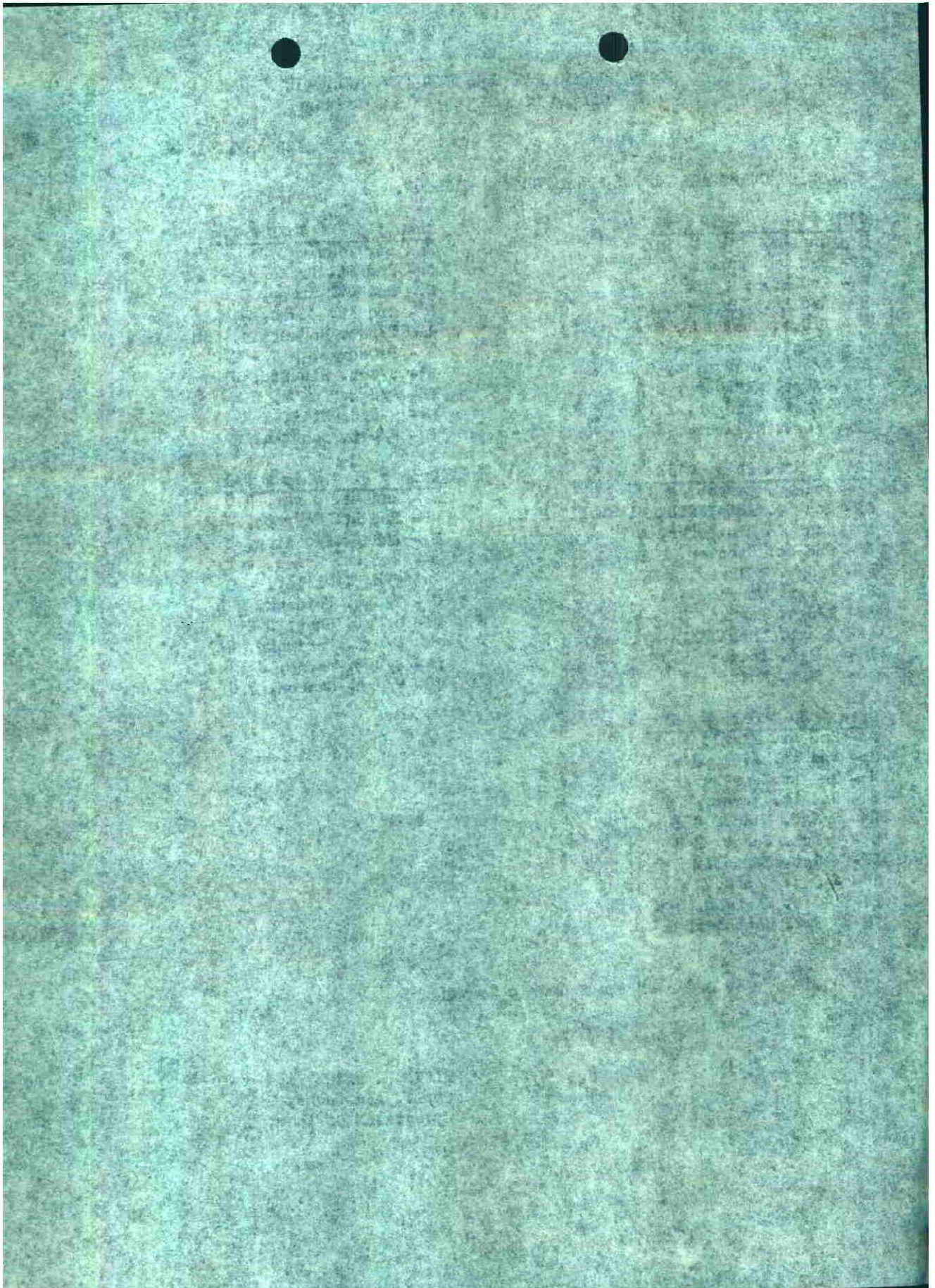
2nd Lt. McGuire, J - P
CP - 2nd Lt. Bradely, R L
W - 2nd Lt. Knapp, E J
B - 2nd Lt. Jones, J M
R - T/Sgt. McCaughin, R M
E - DeGeorge, F V - T/Sgt.
BT - S/Sgt. Ribuffo, J P
RW - S/Sgt. Kuntz, D E
LW - S/Sgt. Dill, A R
TG - S/Sgt. Sabotka, J M

Crew # 8 Ship # 249

P - 2nd Lt. Morris, R D
CP - 2nd Lt. McGrath, J M
W - ~~XXXXXXXX~~ King, B L
B - 2nd Lt. Evans, J T
R - T/Sgt. Willey, L O
E - T/Sgt. Fossick, R L
BT - S/Sgt. Hunt, C G
RW - S/Sgt. Perinaky, J
LW - S/Sgt. Wargo, J P
TG - S/Sgt. Staron, J G

By Order of the Squadron Commander

FLOYD H. MASUN,
Capt., Air Corps,
Operations Officer.



860TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H), AAF
 100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H),
 AAF Station # 139

25 April 1944

ROSTER OF COMBAT CREWS ON OPERATIONAL MISSION 25 APRIL 1944

CREW 12 PLANE 97554

P - Lt F J Malholly
 CP - Lt RW Baillet
 N - Lt G H Mauvais
 B - Lt R W Guida
 R - T/Sgt R C Barrie
 E - T/Sgt A J Perry
 BT - S/Sgt N A Pardee
 RN - S/Sgt W H Miller
 LW - S/Sgt W Nieniewski
 TG - S/Sgt L Genovese

CREW 16 PLANE 3415

P - Lt J S Giles
 CP - Lt S P Lambert
 N - Lt G A Ramer
 B - T/Sgt C H Thompson
 R - T/Sgt A G Leuthold
 E - T/Sgt E Devan
 BT - S/Sgt H O DePauw
 RN - S/Sgt J E Conger
 LW - S/Sgt A S Pola
 TG - S/Sgt R B Rowley

CREW 14 PLANE 97095

Lt J M Shelly
 Lt A Skaar
 Lt E A Fayette
 T/Sgt R E Garie
 T/Sgt G R Trunkett
 T/Sgt E D Lowther
 S/Sgt V M Harikian
 S/Sgt G Winkler
 S/Sgt J P O'Donnell
 S/Sgt R W Bates

CREW 18 PLANE 31049

Lt J B Noble
 Lt D R McEwen
 F/O A Marudness
 Lt D D Irons
 T/Sgt R F Ellis
 T/Sgt F Criss
 S/Sgt C J Slaght
 S/Sgt A L Roberts
 S/Sgt F E Swarts
 S/Sgt W P McNally

CREW 57 PLANE 31941

P - Lt E H McKay
 CP - Lt T H Mullen
 N - Lt J A Young
 B - Lt S W McFesly
 R - T/Sgt L P Paltrinieri
 E - T/Sgt F Acker
 BT - S/Sgt G F Schuster
 RN - S/Sgt J E Trout
 LW - S/Sgt J W Domenig
 TG - S/Sgt R T Graham

CREW 15 PLANE 31991

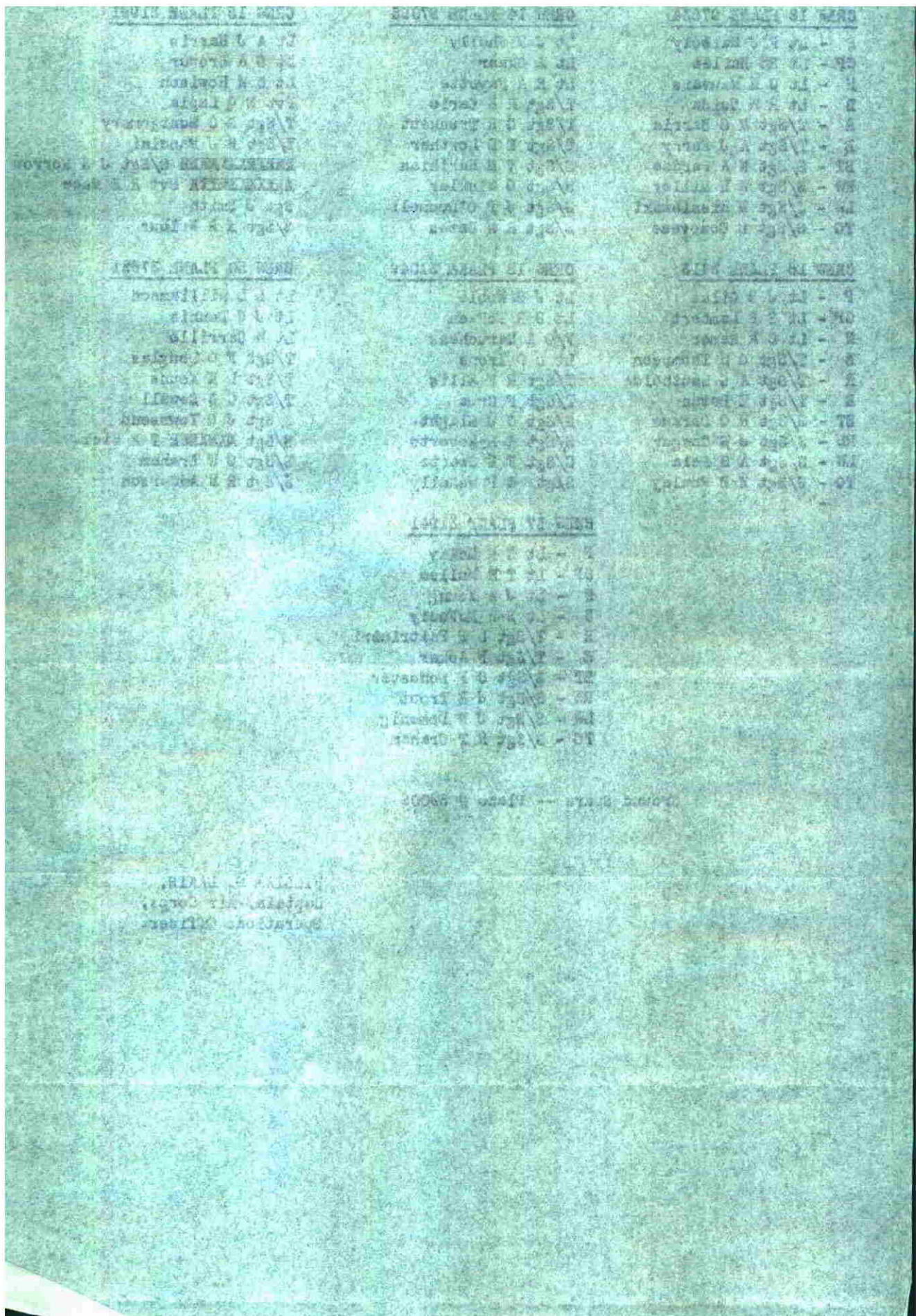
Lt A J Harris
 Lt G A Brewer
 Lt G W Howison
 Pvt E Q Lupia
 T/Sgt R C Montgomery
 T/Sgt E J Mancini
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ S/Sgt J S Morrow
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Pvt R E Mace
 Sgt J Smith
 S/Sgt E R Wilbur

CREW 50 PLANE 37621

Lt L L Williamson
 Lt J G Dennis
 Lt W Carrillo
 T/Sgt F O Douglas
 T/Sgt L K Kouns
 T/Sgt C B Sewall
 S/Sgt J O Townsend
 S/Sgt ~~XXXXXXXX~~ T E Hick
 S/Sgt C W Graham
 S/Sgt R H Anderson

Ground Spare -- Plane # 32009

WILLIAM G. LAKIN,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Operations Officer.



AUTHORIZED ADMISSION

CHECK NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS
PRESENT OTHER THAN CREW MEMBERS

ABBEY, LT.

SHAW, MAJOR

BARR, CAPT.

STOVER, CAPT.

BENNETT, LT. COL. ✓

TURNER, LT. COL.

BLAKELY, MAJ.

WILLIAMS, M. M/Sgt. ✓

CLOUTER, LT.

SPENCE, S/Sgt.

CROSBY, CAPT. ✓

DOUGLAS, CAPT. ✓

S-2 DUTY OFFICER Capt. Johnson

ELTON, MAJOR ✓

Capt. Moffatt

EMERSON, MAJOR

Capt. Terry

FRYE, LT. ✓

Lt. Bauman

FULLER, CAPT. ✓

S/Sgt. Cannon

GREENBURG, LT.

S/Sgt. Christensen

HARDY, CAPT.

S/Sgt. Wm. Smith

IANNACONE, CAPT. ✓

Cpl. DeLeonardo

KELLY, COL. ✓

Pvt. Nilsson

KIDD, LT. COL.

DUTY NAVIGATOR _____

KINDER, CAPT. ✓

DUTY BOMBARDIER _____

LASH, CAPT.

LAURO, CAPT.

Add additional names when verbally
authorized by S-2 Duty Officer:

MCCARTHY, CAPT.

MILBURN, LT.

ORENSTEIN, LT.

PIKE, LT.

REEDER, CAPT. ✓

ROSENTHAL, CAPT. ✓

S-2 52-17/4/44

DATE OF BRIEFING _____

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PRESENT OTHER THAN CREW MEMBERS

ABBEY, LT.

SHAW, MAJOR

BARR, CAPT.

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BENNETT, LT. COL.

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S-2 DUTY OFFICER Capt. Johnson

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Capt. Terry

FRYE, LT.

Lt. Bauman

FULLER, CAPT.

S/Sgt. Gannon

GREENBURG, LT.

S/Sgt. Christensen

HARDY, CAPT.

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MCCARTHY, CAPT.

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REEDER, CAPT.

ROSENTHAL, CAPT.

S-2 52-17/4/44

DATE OF BRIEFING _____

25-4-44

Automatic Cameras are installed on the ships
listed below.

2018

1412

1723

1987

1941

7065

7011

STATION PHOTO

CHECK SHEET
Duty Officer24-25 Apr, 1944
(Date)

(Check each of following as handled)

SPECIAL
NOTES

BRIEFING INFORMATION

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. From File Room | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. From Map Room | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Course, pictures & maps (War Room) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Pictures & maps (Main Briefing Room) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Course - Briefing Rooms (Duty Navigator) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Bulk maps & pictures to Map Room | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Epiadiascope pictures prepared | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

FOOD

FIRES

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Gunners' Briefing Room (Tele. #53) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Main Briefing Room (By 2400 hours) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

GUARDS

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Authorized Admission List | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Posting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Dismissal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

P/W KITS

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Loading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Check out sheet & EM assignment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

POST BRIEFING

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Personal property & issue records to S-2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Main Briefing Rm. (Lights out, stoves closed) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Briefing Material to Files in folder
(Removed from both Briefing Rooms) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(Fill in time or name)

1. Pre-Briefing at 0215
2. Briefing at 0245
3. Time over target 0950
4. ETR 1300
5. No. Crews on Mission 21735 spares
6. File & Map clerks called at 0015
7. Other EM called at 0015
8. Officers notified at:
 - a. Main Briefing 0245
 - b. Gunners' Briefing 0245
 - c. ~~Major Shaw~~

9. Assignments:
 - a. Gunners' Epiadiascope S/S Gunn 00
 - b. Main Br. Epiadiascope S/S Christensen
 - c. P/W Kits Cpl. De Leonards
 - d. Map Room S/S W.L. Smith

10. Personal phone calls stopped ☒

NOTE: Official telephone calls are to be noted in the Journal. Time, Date & Duty Officer's initials go on each order or annex received from Operations.

S-2 52/2-2-44

GUNNERS' BRIEFING

1. TARGET: (General Location, importance, size)

P.T. DISON/LONGVIC A/F. Situated $3\frac{3}{4}$ mi SE of Dison and immediately SE of LONGVIC VILLAGE. L'OUICHE RIVER winds around N and N.E. sides of A/F. DISON AUXONNE RR. is slightly N of the RIVER ALSO CANAL DE BOURGOGNE RUN PARALLEL (NW-SE) MPI. IS HANGERS & ADMIN BLDGS ON SE side of the field THIS LONG RANGE BOMBERS and may be used for N.F.

S.T. SIZE RAILAGE 1700 YDS. (NW/SW) 1100 YDS (NE/SW)

ROMILLY AIR PARK & A/D. situated about 2 mi SE of ROMILLY SUR SEINE RESERVE OF A/C OF ALL TYPES FOR GAF IN FRANCE AND LOW COUNTRIES

MPI. HANGERS ON N of field

APPROX 100 X 1200 FT.

L.R.

Any A/D in occupied territory not near a built-up area
Suggested Rhums & Creil

2. ROUTE IN (Timing data)ROUTE OUT (Timing Data)

- | | |
|--|---|
| a. Taxi <u>0515</u> | l. Leave Enemy coast <u>1152</u> |
| b. Take off <u>0530</u> | m. Time of descent <u>1152</u> |
| c. Rendezvous with other Groups <u>0735</u> | n. Place of descent <u>FRENCH Coast</u> |
| d. Reach Bombing altitude <u>0735</u> | o. Arrive English coast <u>1222</u> |
| e. Temperature at Bombing <u>4 to 6/10 cc.</u> | p. ETR <u>1311</u> |
| altitude <u>minus 130 F. = minus 23 C.</u> | |
| f. Leave British coast <u>0816</u> | |
| g. Arrive Enemy Coast <u>0830</u> | |
| h. ETA at IP for PT <u>0940</u> | |
| i. Axis of attack <u>WNW</u> | |
| j. PT (s) <u>0949</u> | |
| k. Rally point <u>0952</u> | |

3. ENEMY DEFENSES

- a. KNOWN Flak areas along route in and out: (Number & Type of Guns)
If Known (Mobile Flak units; on RR cars & barges)

1st Target is defended by 6 heavy guns and due to upwind approach will be quite accurate

No known flak area between 0400E into target
(Le Treport & Duffin) (Dane left then right) (Neufchâtel right & left) (Beauvais R+L)
CREIL = R+L (Coccy L+R)

2ND Defended by 21 heavy guns

- b. FLAK around P. T. # Heavy guns _____ : # light guns _____
a. FLAK around S. T. # Heavy guns _____ : # light guns _____
c. FLAK around L. R. # Heavy guns _____ : # light guns _____

- c. E/A: Types... within _____ miles radius of the Target:

Number - S/E _____; T/E _____; F/B _____; RTU _____.

- d. Other defenses:

a. Smoke Screen

b. Decoys

2ND Winding any camouflage

- 390 LEADS
- b. Group leading our formation 95 Low
- c. Positions of Squadrons in our Group: Lead _____; High X;
21 w/c plus 3 spots Low _____;
- d. Bombing alt. of our Group 20,000 feet low; other Groups _____
- e. Bomb load 12 x 200
- f. Other efforts:

Targets and times of Diversions and other Friendly efforts:

1st DIV (4 wing) attacking METZ and NANCY FRANCE (2100-2130)

2nd DIV (3 wing) attacking MAINHEIM, GERMANY (2100-2130)

5. FIGHTER SUPPORT (Warn against firing against our own escort)

- a. Type of A/C _____; Strength _____
- b. Time and place of rendezvous _____
- c. Extent of escort:
- P-47 (4947-0148) = 0835
P-51 (4159-0330) = 0855
P-51 (4722-0330) = 0930
P-38 (4844-0400) = 1035

6. EPI-ALASCOPE

7. CLOSING REMARKS

- a. All observations - TIME, PLACE AND ALTITUDE
- b. Hot News - report time, place, and altitude of our A/C down or going down at sea; or enemy territory and enemy Naval forces.
- c. NOTIFY NAVIGATOR IMMEDIATELY IF M/A IS BELIEVED DAMAGED OR DESTROYED SO THAT PROPER NOTE IS MADE IN NAVIGATOR'S LOG
- d. If captured: Name, Rank, and Serial No.

MAIN BRIEFINGDATE 4-25-44BRIEFING O. Tracy4717^N 0505E - 725 feet

1. TARGETS: (IMPORTANCE, SIZE & IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS)

A. PRIMARY TARGET:

DIJON/LONGVIC A/D - $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles SE of DIJON + immediately south of LONGVIC village - River LOUCHE winds around the N+NE side of A/D. On NW side - Hwy - Canal then RR.
 One of most important A/D in France - used by Germans as training base for long range bomber crew and base for fighters - PRU planes have found as many as 40 A/C on their field since April 1, + there has been considerable activity. ~~It was~~ It was heavily hit by the 1st DIV. on 28 March, but is still operational.
 Little over 2000 yds square

B. SECONDARY TARGET:

over target on Feb 6 -
 ROMILLY SUR SEINE A/D + AIR PARK - 4830N-0345E - 275 feet
 Two mi SE of ROMILLY on S. side of main Hwy.
~~6000 x 2000 yds in sq~~ 3000 x 2000 yds in sq
 Repair + storage base for JU88's - last hit 3rd Sept 43 -

C. LAST RESORT:

any A/D not near bombing area -
 RHEMS + CRIEL - A/D

2. ROUTE: (FLAK AREAS ON ROUTE IN & RETURN)

A. FROM ENEMY COAST TO I.P.:

Pass through narrow corridor until you reach 0400E + briefed
 Course should be followed carefully - POIX - NEUFCHATEL
 Beaumont + Chel + Courcy -

Primary defended by 6 heavy guns that have fired accurately - The
 B. FROM I.P. TO TARGET: Secondary is defended by 21 heavy guns

C. GUNS AT P.T.:

HEAVY 6

GUNS AT S.T.:

HEAVY 21

GUNS AT L.R.:

HEAVY _____

D. MOBILE FLAK UNITS on RR cars or BARGES (if any)

3. ENEMY FIGHTERS: WITHIN _____ MILES OF THE TARGET.

A. NUMBER: S/E _____ T/E _____ F/B _____ RTU _____

B. TACTICS: (anything new or unusual)

5. EPIADIASCOPE

6. CLOSING REMARKS:

MAKE AS MANY OBSERVATIONS AS POSSIBLE...REPORTING SAME TO YOUR NAVIGATOR.

IF CAPTURED....NAME, RANK & SERIAL NUMBER.

CHALLENGE 6-1

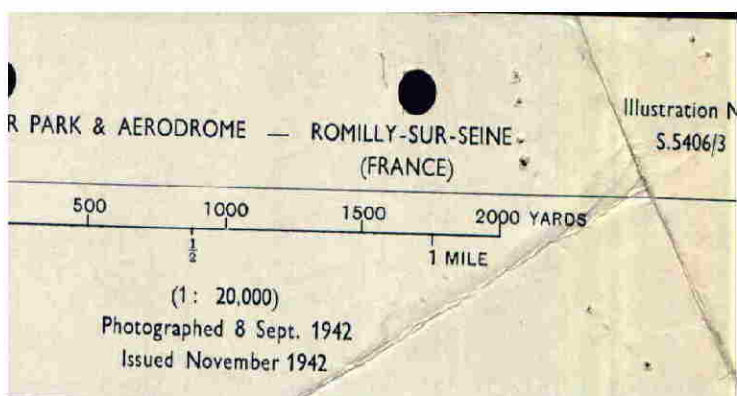
13 wing lead } some target
45 wing Echelons left -

Alt. Lead 1st - 20,000 feet
Bomber lead 12,000 GP

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2 - P-47 - 1 P-38 - 1st Div.
2 - P-47 3rd Div. 61
1 P-38 - 2 P-51 - 1 P-38
1st Div. - 4 wings

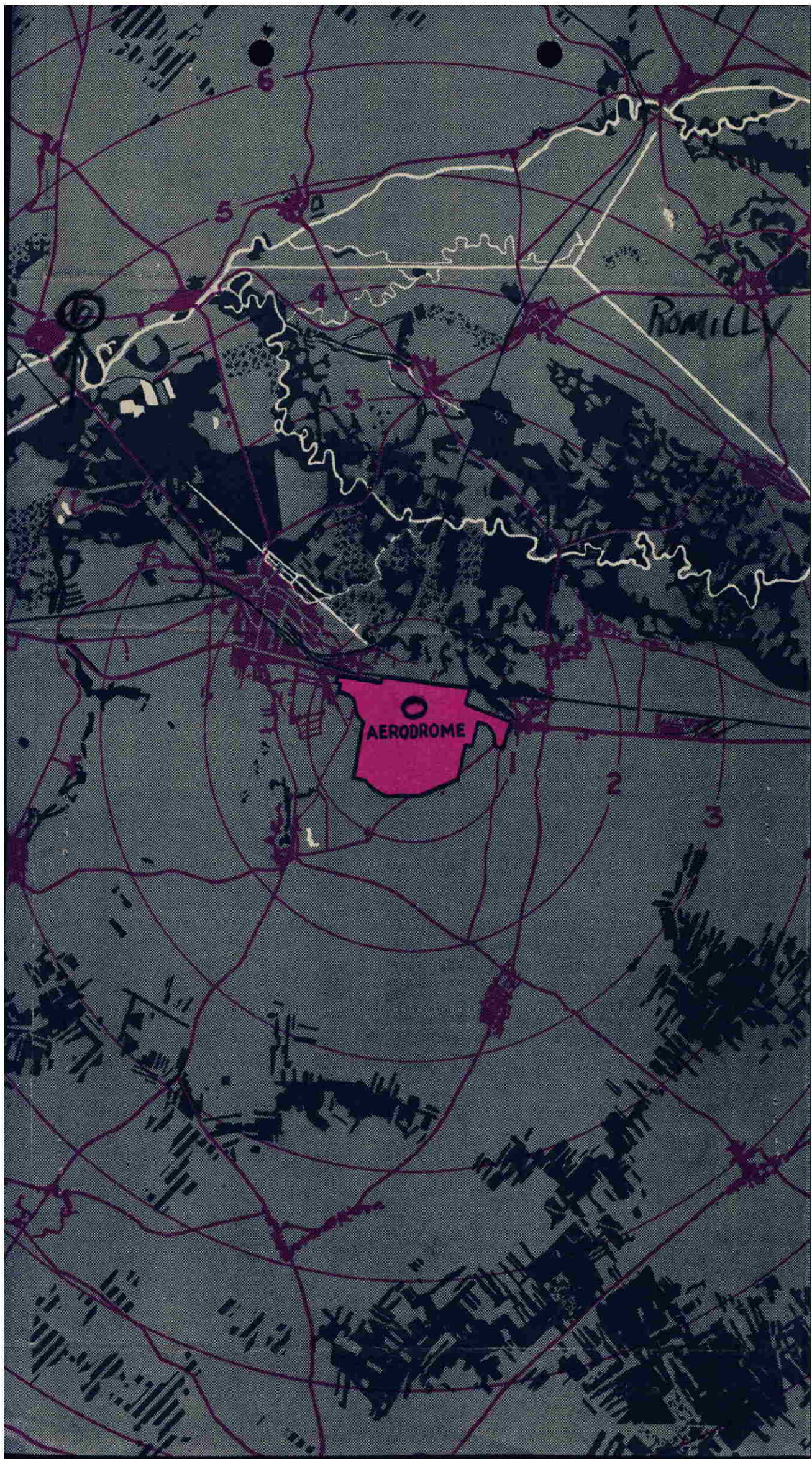
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2nd Div. - 3 wings

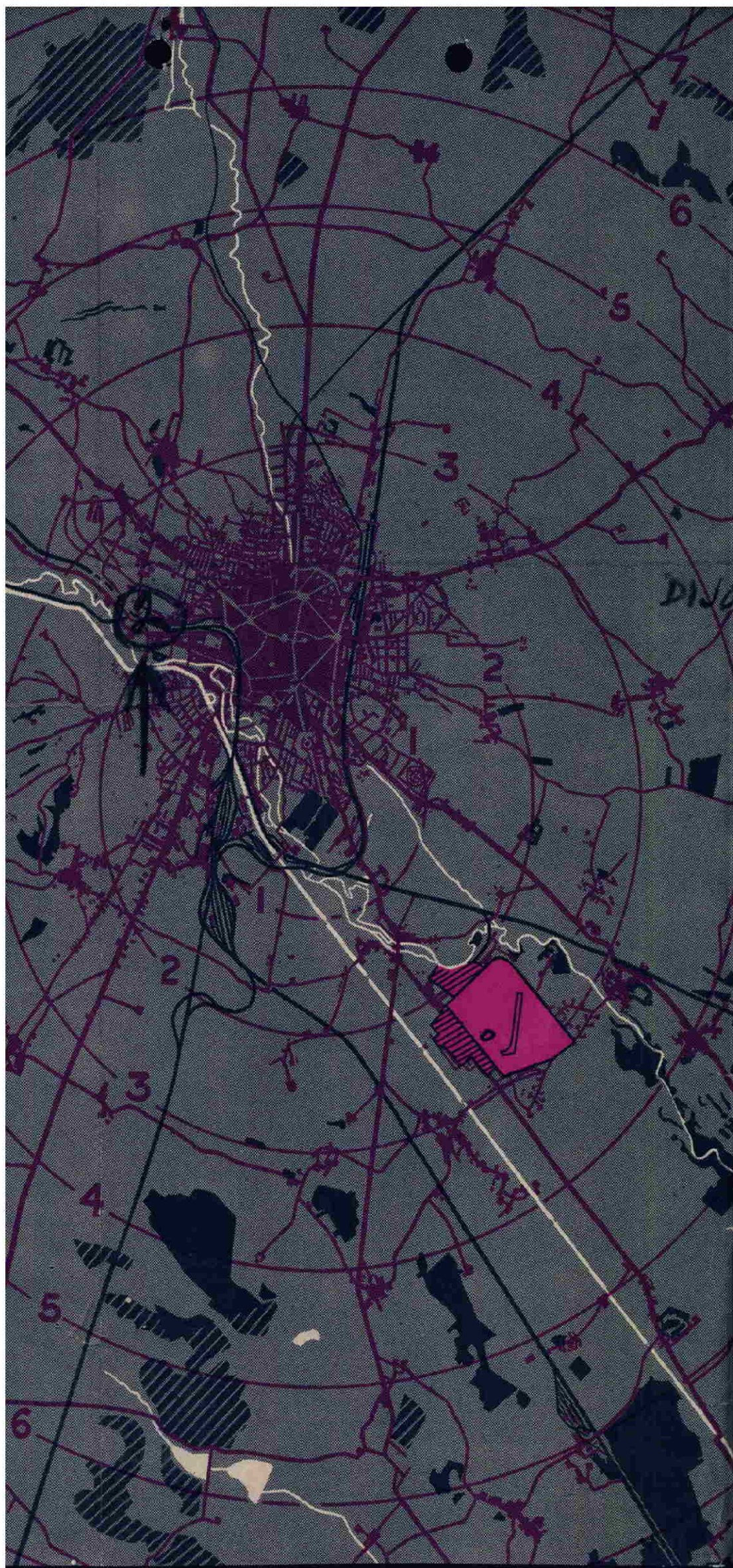


- V. FLAK POSITIONS
- W. DISPERSAL AREAS
- X. WORKSHOPS
- Y. BARRACKS & QUARTERS
- Z. HANGARS









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SECRET 13 CBW P-57-E

ANNEX NO. 1 TO 13 CBW F.O. 209.

2. C. CORRECTED TIMINGS

BUNCHER 19 ZERO MINUS 22.
BUNCHER 12 ZERO MINUS 16.
SPLASHER 7 ZERO MINUS 9.

3. X. YX 6. TRAIN INTERVAL MINIMUM.

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SECRET 3 B.D. P-206-E

ANNEX 1 TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER NO 209.

CORRECTED TIMINGS

ASSEMBLY LINE:

SPLASHER 7 (20,000)

SPLASHER 9

BEACHY HEAD

ZERO MINUS 9

ZERO PLUS 11

ZERO PLUS 16

ROUTE:

BEACHY HEAD (20,000, CP 1)

5000-0116 (CP 2)

4947-0148 (FR)

4859-0330 (FR)

4844-0400 (FR, CP 3)

4750-0540

4722-0554 (FR)

4706-0529 (IP)

TARGET

4724-0507 (RP)

4844-0400 (FR, CP 4)

5000-0116 (START DESCENT)

BEACHY HEAD

BASES

ZERO PLUS 16

ZERO PLUS 30

ZERO PLUS 36

ZERO PLUS 55

ZERO PLUS 62

ZERO PLUS 83

ZERO PLUS 91

ZERO PLUS 101

ZERO PLUS 110

ZERO PLUS 113

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SECRET 13 CBW P-56-E

13 CBW F.O. 209

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2. A. THIS WG ATTACKS PURSUANT TO 3BD F.O. 209.

B. TARGETS:

TARGET A - PRIMARY - Z -690
TARGET B - SECONDARY - Z-456
TARGET C - - Z-349
TARGET D - - Z-354

C. ASSEMBLY:

BUNCHER 19 ZERO MINUS 23
390 GR FROM E AT 20,000 FT.
95 GR FROM SE AT 19,000 FT.
100 GR FROM NE AT 21,000 FT.
BUNCHER 12 ZERO MINUS 17.
SPLASHER 7 ZERO MINUS 10.

3. A. 390 GR LEADS 21 A/C.
95 GR LOW 21 A/C.
100 GR HIGH 21 A/C.

X. (1) FUEL LOAD 2500 GALS.
(2) BOMB LOAD 12 X 500 GPS 1/10 X 1/100.
(3) LEAD GR WILL PEEL OFF SO AS TO CROSS I.P.
ON COURSE TO THE TARGET.
(4) HIGH GR LEADER IS DEPUTY WG LEADER.
(5) WEATHER A/C 100 GR.

4.

5. A. (1) PYROTECHNICS	(2) LEADERS	(3) R/T CALL SIGNS
390 - GG	LT. COL. JEFFREY	FIREBALL ABLE
95 - RG	MAJ. LINDLEY	FIREBALL RED
100 - RY	CAPT. ROSENTHAL	FIREBALL YELLOW

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INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO 3 BD FIELD ORDER NO 209

TODAYS'S BOMBING RESULTS FOR ALL THREE DIVISIONS RANGE FROM FAIR TO GOOD FROM INCOMPLETE EARLY REPORTS WITH LOSSES RUNNING 27, 4 AND 8 FOR 1, 2 AND 3 DIVISIONS. RESPECTIVELY. 3RD DIVISIONS PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE MANZELL MISSED, PROBABLY EXCELLENT ON THE GEAR WORKS FAIR TO GOOD ON LOWENTHAL AND FAIR ON THE SECONDARY.

Z-690

LATEST INFORMATION IN TARGET FOLDERS. PRU-130023/ APR. SHOWED 40 A/C OF VARIOUS TYPES DISPERSED OVER FIELD. LAST 30 DAYS HAVE SHOWN CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY AT TARGET WHICH WAS ATTACKED WITH GOOD RESULTS 28 MAR., BUT LEFT IN CLASSIFICATION OF DERATIONAL.

NO TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY ARE SUGGESTED ON THIS MISSION SECE ALL PRIORITY A/F'S IN THIS SECTION OF FRANCE ARE LOCATED AT CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM WITHDRAWL ROUTE.

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THE CORRIDOR FROM THE COAST TO 0400E IS QUITE NARROW FOR WINGS ABREAST SO BRIEFED COURSE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED ASEXACTLY AS POSSIBLE BY LEADING WINGS. THE TARGET IS DEFENDED BY SIX HEAVY GUNS AND DUE TO UPWIND APPROACH THEY WILL PROBABLY BE QUITE ACCURATE. THERE ARE NO KNOWN FLAK DEFENSES BETWEEN 0400E AND TARGET. THE SECONDARY TARGET IS DEFENDED BY 21 HEAVY GUNS.

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(1) SPLASHER 7 (20,000)
 SPLASHER 9
 BEACHY HEAD

ZERO MINUS 10
 ZERO PLUS 11
 ZERO PLUS 16

(2) APPROACH TO SPL 7:
 13 WG FROM THE N
 45 WG FROM THE NE

D. ROUTES:

BEACHY HEAD (20,000)	C.P. 1	ZERO PLUS 16
5000-0116	C.P. 2	ZERO PLUS 30
4844-0400	C.P. 3	ZERO PLUS 61
4750-0540		ZERO PLUS 82
4722-0554		ZERO PLUS 90
4706-0529 (I.P.)		ZERO PLUS 100
TARGET		ZERO PLUS 109
4724-0507 (R.P.)		ZERO PLUS 112
4844-0400	C.P. 4	ZERO PLUS 155
5000-0116 (START DESCENT MIN ALT)		ZERO PLUS 232
BEACHY HEAD		ZERO PLUS 262
BASES		

E. BOMBING ALTITUDES:

LEAD GPS: 20,000 FT

3. A. 13 WG WILL LEAD 3RD DIVISION FORCES.

B. 45 WG WILL ECHELON LEFT ON THE 13 WG.

X. (1) ZERO HOUR: 0800 D.B.S.T. 25 APRIL 44

(2) BOMB LOAD:

LOW GP 45 WG: MAX LOAD M-47A1 I.B.'S.

ALL OTHER GPS: 12 X 500 LB. G.P. FUSING 1/10, 1/100.

(3) WINGS WILL TAKE INTERVAL FOR BOMBING AT 4750-0540.

(4) REFERENCE BASE ALTITUDE: 18,000.

(5) SECONDARY AND LAST RESORT TARGET WILL BE BOMBED IN WING FORMATION.

(6) THE 4TH COM WG RELEASED FOR TRAINING WILL FLY A
 AVAILABLE A/C TWO TRAINING PERIODS 25 APRIL 44^L

OTHER COM WGS WILL FLY ALL AVAILABLE A/C NOT ON MISSION TWO PERIODS.

4. NORMAL COM WGS WILL FORWARD COPIES OF FIELD ORDERS.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. SPLASHER BEACONS: 4A, 6B, 10C, 5D, 7E, 8F, 9G, 11H, 16I

B. GEE INFORMATION: EASTERN WYOMING AND SOUTHERN UTAH

C. MF D/F SECTION "H"

D. AUTHENTICATORS:

W/T:- BOMBER CODE GROUP FOR "W/T"

VHF:- "VALVE STEM"

VHF RECALL CODE PHRASE:- "LITTLE BO PEEP"

(NOTE:- THIS RECALL PHRASE WILL BE USED AS AN ORDER BY THE LEADERS OR THE GROUND STATION AND WILL NOT BE USED BY INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT)

E. VHF BOMBER FIGHTER CHANNEL "C":

USAAF FIGHTERS: AMERICAN FIGHTER COMMON

F. VHF BOMBER FIGHTER CALLSIGNS

13 COMBAT WING: VINEGROVE THREE ONE

45 COMBAT WING: VINEGROVE THREE TWO

USAAF FIGHTERS: BALANCE THREE

USAAF GROUND SECTOR: COLGATE

G. RCM

(1) CARPET: NORMAL

X (2) WINDOW: ALL AIRCRAFT OF THE 13 COMBAT WING AND THE LEADING GROUP OF THE 45 COMBAT WING WILL CARRY 480 UNITS OF CHAFF TO BE DISCHARGED IN THE TARGET AREA STARTING SIX MINUTES BEFORE THE IP AND CONTINUING FOR TWENTY MINUTES AT THE RATE OF ONE LOT OF FOUR UNITS EACH TEN SECONDS. WING LEADERS WILL GIVE THE STARTING SIGNAL OF "RAINY DAY" AND FOR STOPPING THE SIGNAL "DRY UP"

H. VHF GROUND CALLSIGN THIRD DIVISION "ARROWSWIFT"

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EC 1.B. ROUTES 1ST DIV SECOND COLUMN UNDER BEACHY HEAD SHOULD READ 5000-0116

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3D BOMB DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 209.

1. A. FIGHTER SUPPORT:

(1) RENDEZVOUS	TYPE	CALSIGN	CP	TIMING
BEACHY HEAD			1	ZERO PLUS 16
5000-0116			2	ZERO PLUS 30
4947-0148	P-47	BALANCE 3-1		ZERP PLUS 35
4859-0330	P-51	BALANCE 3-2		ZERO PLUS 55
4844-0400			3	ZERO PLUS 61
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4722-0555	P-51	BALANCE 3-3		ZERO PLUS 90
4844-0400	P-38	BALANCE 3-4	4	ZERO PLUS 155

(2) 4 GPS P-47'S, 3 GPS P-51'S, 1 GP P-38'S WILL ESCORT 2ND DIVISION.

CALLSIGNS: USAAF (BALANCE ONE ONE - ONE SEVEN)
RAF 51'S (NORLAND 1)

(3) 4 GPS P-47'S, 1 GP P-38'S WILL ESCORT 1ST DIVISION.
CALLSIGNS: (BALANCE TWO ONE - TWO FIVE)

(4) 2 GPS P-47'S WILL SUPPORT PENETRATION, OPERATING ON TYPE 16 CONTROL.

B. FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:

1ST DIVISION (4 WGS) WILL DEPART BEACHY HEAD AT ZERO PLUS 8 TO ATTACK TARGETS Z660 AND Z736.

2ND DIVISION (3 WGS) WILL DEPART BEACHY HEAD AT ZERO HOUR TO ATTACK TARGET GH601.

ROUTES:

1ST DIV		2ND DIV
BEACHY HEAD	BEACHY HEAD	BEACHY HEAD
5000-0116	50000-0116	5000-0116
4844-0400	4844-0400	4844-0400
4813-0627	4813-0627	4848-0840
4837-0641	4837-0641	4919-0907
4854-0644	Z-736	GH-601
Z-660	4844-0518	4919-0821
4844-0518	4844-0400	4915-0729
4844-0400	5000-0116	4848-0700
5000-0116	BEACHY HEAD	4844-0400
BEACHY HEAD		5000-0116
		BEACHY HEAD

2. A. TARGETS.

PRIMARY: Z-690 MPI'S: 045059/2 13 WG - LEAD
041073/2 - HIGH
042086/2 - LOW
048097/2 45 WG - LEAD AND HIGH
042078/2 - LOW

SECONDARY: Z-456 MPI: 034042/3

LAST RESORT: ANY AIRDROME IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY NOT NEAR A BUILT-UP AREA.

B. FORCE REQUIRED:

13 COM WG: 3 GPS - 21 A/C GP
45 COM WG: 3 GPS - 21 A/C GP
4 COM WG: RELEASED FOR TRAINING

C. DIVISION ASSEMBLY LINE:

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ADVANCE WARNING TO 3RD BOMB DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 209

2.A. TARGET.

PRIMARY : Z 690 MPI'S: 045059/2 13 WG - LEAD
 041073/2 - HIGH
 042086/2 - LOW
 048097/2 45 WG - LEAD AND HIGH
 042078/2 - LOW

SECONDARY: Z 456

B. FORCE REQUIRED.

13 CW : 3 GPS. - 21 A/C PER GROUP
 45 CW : 3 GPS. - 21 A/C PER GROUP

DIVISION ASSEMBLY LINE.

C. (1) SPLASHER 7 (20,000) ZERO MINUS 10
 SPLASHER 9 ZERO PLUS 11
 BEACHY HEAD ZERO PLUS 16

(2) APPROACH SPL 7:
 13 WG FROM THE N
 45 WG FROM THE NE

D. ROUTE.

BEACHY HEAD (20,000) ZERO PLUS 16
 500PAPQV
 4844-0400
 4750-0540
 4722-0554
 4706-0529 (I.P.)
 TARGET
 4724-0507 (RLMP.)

4844-0400
 5000-0116
 BEACHY HEAD
 BASES

3.X. (1) ZERO HOUR : 0800 DBST 25 APRIL 1944

(2) BOMB LOAD:

LOW GP. 45 WG : MAX. LOAD M-47A1 I.B.'S
 ALL OTHER GPS: 12 X 500 LB. G.(XXXX G.P., 1/10 1/100.

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